

# Homotopy properties of cubical $\Sigma$ -modules

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## Abstract

The main aim of this paper is to study cubical  $\Sigma$ -modules and their homotopy properties.

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# 1 $\Sigma$ -modules.

## 1.1 Basic categorical definitions.

For convenience, we recall some category theory definitions.

### 1.1.1 Monoidal categories.

A symmetric monoidal category is category equipped a bifunctor  $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  called monoid (tensor) product and unit object  $\mathbf{1} \in \mathcal{C}$  with some natural transformations  $X \otimes Y \cong Y \otimes X$ ,  $X \otimes (Y \otimes Z) \cong (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z$ ,  $\mathbf{1} \otimes X \cong X \cong \mathbf{1} \otimes X$ . These transformations must satisfy an additional coherence conditions [ML98].

### 1.1.2 Category with external $\otimes$ -action.

Let  $\otimes$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  is fixed. We can define an external (left)  $\otimes$ -action ( $\odot$ ) on some category  $\mathcal{D}$ . This means that we have a bifunctor  $\odot : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  together some family of functorial isomorphisms  $(X \odot Y) \otimes Z \cong X \odot (Y \otimes Z)$  satisfied a coherence conditions. A right  $\odot$ -action is defined similarly.

### 1.1.3 Morphisms of $\otimes$ -categories.

There is a notion of  $\otimes$ -functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$  between two  $\otimes$ -categories. By definition, this is functor  $F$  with natural isomorphisms  $F(X \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} Y) \cong F(X) \otimes_{\mathcal{C}'} F(Y)$ ,  $F(\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}}) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}'}$  compatible with associativity and units. For two categories  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}'$  with external  $\odot$ -actions  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}'$ , respectively, there is a notion of  $\odot$ -functors  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'$  compatible with  $F$  that is  $G(X \odot_{\mathcal{D}} Y) \cong F(X) \odot_{\mathcal{D}'} G(Y)$  also compatible with associativity and units on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$ .

### 1.1.4 Algebras.

An algebra (or a monoid) in  $\otimes$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a triple  $A = (A, \mu, \epsilon)$  subject to usual axiom  $\mu \circ (\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}} \otimes \mu) = \mu \circ (\mu \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}}) : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mu \circ (\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}} \otimes \epsilon) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}} = \mu \circ (\epsilon \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}})$ . Then is said multiplication and unit, respectively. An algebra homomorphism  $f : (A, \mu_A, \epsilon_A) \rightarrow (B, \mu_B, \epsilon_B)$  is a morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $\mu_B \circ (f \otimes f) = f \circ \mu_A$ . Therefore we can define a category algebras in  $\mathcal{C}$ , denoted by  $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{C})$ .

### 1.1.5 Modules.

Let given an external (left)  $\otimes$ -action  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  and algebra  $A = (A, \mu, \epsilon)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then (left)  $A$ -module in  $\mathcal{D}$  is by definition a pair  $M = (M, \alpha)$  such

that  $M \in \text{Ob}(D)$ ,  $\alpha : A \otimes M \rightarrow M$  and there is a conditions  $\alpha \circ (\mu \otimes \mathbf{1}_M) = \alpha \circ (\mathbf{1}_C \otimes \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \circ (\epsilon \otimes \mathbf{1}_M) = \mathbf{1}_M$ . A morphism  $f : (M, \alpha_M) \rightarrow (N, \alpha_N)$  between two  $A$ -modules is morphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$  in  $D$  sompatible with  $A$ -actions, i. e.  $f \circ \alpha_M = \alpha_N \circ (\mathbf{1}_A \otimes f)$ . Therefore,  $A$ -modules in  $\mathcal{D}$  define a category, denoted by  $\mathcal{D}^A$ .

### 1.1.6 Monads.

Let's consider a category  $\text{Endof}(\mathcal{C})$  of endofunctors of category  $\mathcal{C}$ . There is a natural monoidal struture on this category  $F \otimes G = F \circ G$ , i.e. composition of functors. A monad  $\Sigma$  is algebra on this category. A morphism two monads  $\phi : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  is a morphism corresponding algebras. A monads over  $\mathcal{C}$  define a category, denoted by  $\text{Monads}(\mathcal{C})$ . Therefore  $\text{Monads}(\mathcal{C}) = \text{Alg}(\text{Endof}(\mathcal{C}))$ .

## 1.2 Algebraic monads and generlized rings.

### 1.2.1 Algebraic endofunctors and monads.

An endofucntor  $\Sigma : \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  is *algebraic* if it commutes with filtered inductive limits. An algebraic endofunctors is full  $\otimes$ -subcategory of category  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Endof}(\text{Sets})$ , dnoted by  $\text{Endof}_{\text{alg}}(\text{Sets})$  or  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}$ . An *algebraic monad* is an algebra (or a monoid) in this category. Let's denote category standart finite sets  $\mathbf{n} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  as  $\mathbb{N}$ . This is a full subcateofry of  $\text{Sets}$ . Because any set is filtered inductive limits of all its finite subsets and any finite sunb-set isomorphic to some standart set, we have an equivalence between  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}$  and  $\text{Funct}(\mathbb{N}, \text{Sets}) = \text{Sets}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . We define an *algebraic moand* as monad in category  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}$ .

### 1.2.2 Algebraic operations.

For given algebraic monad  $\Sigma$  and set  $X$  a morphism  $\mu : \Sigma(X) \rightarrow X$  is equivalent to a family of maps  $\{\mu^{(n)} : \Sigma(n) \times X^n \rightarrow Y\}_{n \geq 0}$  subject to conditions  $\alpha^{(m)} \circ (id_{\Sigma(m)} \times X^\phi) = \alpha^{(n)} \circ (\Sigma(\phi) \times id_{X^n}) : \Sigma(m) \times X^n \rightarrow Y$  for all  $\phi : \mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{n}$ , where  $X^\phi = \text{Hom}(\phi, id_X) : \text{Hom}(n, X) = X^n \rightarrow \text{Hom}(m, X) = X^m$  is the canonical map  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_{\phi(1)}, \dots, x_{\phi(n)})$  [Dur 4.1.4] (1.2.2.1). According to 1.2.1 a description of algbraic monad can be obtain as sequence of sets  $\{\Sigma(n)\}_{n \geq 0}$  and maps  $\Sigma(\phi) : \Sigma(\mathbf{n}) \rightarrow \Sigma(\mathbf{m})$ ,  $\phi : \mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{n}$ . Now we can combine this discription and (1.2.2.1). Hence we obtain a colletion of multiplicaiton maps  $\mu_n^k : \Sigma(k) \times \Sigma(n)^k \rightarrow \Sigma(n)$  subject to (1.2.2.1). There is a convinient nonations for this namely  $t(x_1, \dots, x_k) \equiv \mu_n^{(k)}(t; x_1, \dots, x_k)$ , where  $t$  is siad an operation the arity of  $k$ . We also obtain an *identity*  $\mathbf{e}$  equal  $\epsilon_1(1) \in \Sigma(1)$  by Yoneda lemma.

### 1.2.3 Generalized rings.

There is a notion of *commutativity* for algebraic monad ([Dur 5.1.1] for more details). The *generalized ring* is commutative monad. The category of generalized rings is full subcategory of  $Monads_{alg}(Sets)$ . We denote this category by  $GenR$ .

## 2 The homotopy framework.

The main goal of homotopy theory is to study of objects of certain category up to "weak equivalence", i.e. the *localization* process. The modern approach is to consider of the homotopy categories and the derived functors.

### 2.1 Homotopy categories.

A *homotopical category* is category  $\mathcal{M}$  with a class  $\mathcal{W}$  of morphism called *weak equivalence* that contains all the identities and subject to *2-of-6 property* such that if  $hg$  and  $gf$  are in  $\mathcal{W}$  so are  $f, g, h, hgf$ .

2-of-6 property is stronger then common 2-of-3 property in definition of the model category. Nonetheless, the weak equivalences of any model category statisfy the 2-of-6 property. The *minimal category* is the simple example of the homotopical category in which weak equivalence is taken to be isomorphisms. We can consider for any homotopical category  $\mathcal{M}$  a *homotopy category*  $Ho(\mathcal{M})$ , obtained by formal inverting the weak equivalences. Thus we get a localization functor  $\gamma : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow Ho(\mathcal{M})$  which is universal among functors that invert the weak equivalences. In genral, there is some theoretical issues because  $Ho(\mathcal{M})$  need not have samll hom-sets. Hence there is methods that are available to enusre local smallness. For example, a categories admitting a Quillen model structure.

### 2.2 Derived functors.

#### 2.2.1 Homopical functors.

Let  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  be a homotopical actegories, and  $Ho(\mathcal{M}), Ho(\mathcal{N})$  be their homotopy categories, with localization functors  $\gamma : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow Ho(\mathcal{M}), \delta : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow Ho(\mathcal{N})$ . The functor is said *homotopical* if it preserves weak equivalences. If  $F$  is homotopical, then by universal property  $\delta F$  induces a unique functor  $\tilde{F}$  commuting with localizations.

### 2.2.2 Derived functors.

In general, for non-homotopical functor, there is a notion of *derived functor* that is the closest homotopical approximation. We are going to define a several notions related with derived functor (all taken from [Shu]).

- 1) A *total left derived functor* of  $F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  as left Kan extension of  $\delta F$  along  $\gamma$  and denoted  $\mathbf{L}F$ .
- 2) A *left derived functor* of  $F$  is a functor  $\mathbf{L}F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{N})$  equipped with comprasion map  $\mathbf{L}F \rightarrow \delta F$  such that  $\mathbf{L}F$  is homotopical and terminal among homotopical functors equiped with maps  $\delta F$ .
- 3) A *point-set-left derived functor* is a functor  $\mathbb{L}F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  equipped with comprasion map  $\mathbb{L}F \rightarrow F$  such that the induced map  $\delta \mathbb{L}F \rightarrow \delta F$  makes  $\delta \mathbb{L}F$  into a left derived functor of  $F$ .

### 2.2.3 Deformations.

In this section we describe derived functors via deformations.

A *left deformations* is functor  $Q : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  together with natural weak equivalence  $q : Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}}$ . It is easy to see that  $Q$  is homotopical by 2-of-3 property.  $\mathcal{M}_Q$  is called a *left deformation retract* [Shu] or category of *cofibrant objects* [Ri]. By universal property, there are functors  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M}_Q)$  and  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M}_Q) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$ . Hence there is an equivalence of categories  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M}_Q) \cong \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$ .

(2.2.3.1) **Lemma** ([Ri 2.2.8]). If  $F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  has a left deformation  $q : Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{1}$ , then  $FQ$  is a left derived functor of  $F$ .

### 2.2.4 Example.

The most important example for us is the classical derived functor between abelina categories from homological algebra.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be any abelian category with sufficiently many projective objects e.g.  $\mathcal{A} = \mathrm{Mod}_R$  category of left  $R$ -modules for classical ring  $R$ . Let  $Ch_{\geq 0}(R)$  be a category bounded below chain complexes and quasi-isomorphisms is taken as weak equivalences. For any  $R$ -module  $X$  there exists a projective module  $P$  and surjection  $P \twoheadrightarrow X$ . We can define a *projective resolution*, a chain complex  $J_{\bullet} \in Ch_{\geq 0}$  equipped with a quasi-isomorphism  $p : J_{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\sim} X$ . The operation of taken of a projective resolutions  $Q : Ch_{\geq 0}(R) \rightarrow Ch_{\geq 0}(R)$  defines a left deformation  $q : Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{1}$ . Any additive functors  $F : \mathrm{Mod}_R \rightarrow \mathrm{Mod}_S$

induces a functor  $F_{\bullet} : Ch_{\geq 0}(R) \rightarrow Ch_{\geq 0}(S)$  that preserves chain homotopy equivalences. Because any quasi-isomorphism between non-negatively chain complexes of projective objects is a chain homotopy equivalence,  $F$  has a left derived functor  $Mod_R \xrightarrow{deg^0} Ch_{\geq 0}(R) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{L}F} Ch_{\geq 0}(S) \xrightarrow{H_0} Mod_S$ .

## 2.3 Model categories.

A model categories is commonly used homotopy framework. The aspects of theory of model atefories widely represented in many litratures e.g. [Hir], [Hov]. We make a brief description.

### 2.3.1 Model Structure.

A *model structure* on a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is three distinguished classes of morphisms of  $\mathcal{C}$  called weak equivalences, cofibrations and fibrations subject to the following properties 1)..4).

Let's introduce some definitoins before. A map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is said a *retract* of  $g : C \rightarrow D$  in category  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $f$  is retract of  $g$  in category of maps  $\text{Map}(\mathcal{C})$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e. if following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ B & \longrightarrow & D & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$

Let  $i : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $i$  is said has a left lifting property respect (LLP) to  $g$ , or  $g$  has right lifttn propety (RLP) respect to  $i$ , if  $u : A \rightarrow X$  and  $v : B \rightarrow Y$ , such that  $vi = fu$ , there exists  $h : B \rightarrow X$ , such that  $hi = u$  and  $gh = v$ , i.e. followong diagram is comutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{u} & X \\ \downarrow i & \nearrow h & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{v} & Y \end{array}$$

A map is said a *trivial (co)fibration* if it is both (co)fibration and trivial equivalence.

1)(2-of-3) If  $f, g \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $gf \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$  and two of  $f, g, gf$  are weak equivalences, then is the third.

2)(Retracts) Closeness with respect to retracts for each of three classes.

3)(Lifting) Any cofibrations have the LLP with respect to all trivial fibrations, and any fibrations have the RLP with respect to all trivial cofibration.

4)(Factorization) For any morphism there exists both of factorizations into trivial cofibration followed by fibration, or into a cofibration followed by trivial fibration.

A *model category*  $\mathcal{C}$  is a complete and cocomplete category equipped with a model structure.

### 2.3.2 Homotopies.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a model category. Then  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$  is corresponding homotopy category and  $\gamma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$  is a localization functor. We are going to define a homotopy equivalence relation on  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})}(\gamma X, \gamma Y) = [X, Y]$ .

Let's fix maps  $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ . A *cylinder object*  $A \times I$  for object  $A$  is a morphism  $\nabla_A : A \sqcup A \xrightarrow{(i_0, i_1)} A \times I \xrightarrow{\sigma} A$ , such that  $(i_1, i_2)$  is a cofibration and  $\sigma$  is a weak equivalence. A *path object*  $B^I$  for object  $B$  is a morphism  $\Delta_B : B \xrightarrow{s} B^I \xrightarrow{(j_0, j_1)} B \times B$ , such that  $s$  is a weak equivalence and  $(j_0, j_1)$  is a fibration.

A maps  $f$  and  $g$  are said *left* (resp. *right*) *homotopic*, written  $f \stackrel{l}{\sim} g$  (resp.  $f \stackrel{r}{\sim} g$ ) if there exists *left* (resp. *right homotopy*) from  $f$  to  $g$ , i.e. there exists a map  $H : A' \rightarrow B$  (resp.  $K : A \rightarrow B'$ ) for some cylinder (resp. path) object  $A'$  (resp.  $B'$ ) such that  $Hi_0 = f$  and  $Hi_1 = g$  (resp.  $j_0K = f$  and  $j_1K = g$ ). A maps are said *homotopic*, written  $f \sim g$ , if they are both left and right homotopic. We write  $\pi_l$  (resp.  $\pi_r$ ) for the quotient of  $\text{Hom}(A, B)$  with respect to the equivalence relation generated by  $\stackrel{l}{\sim}$  (resp.  $\stackrel{r}{\sim}$ ). If  $A$  is cofibrant and  $B$  is fibrant, then  $\stackrel{l}{\sim}$  and  $\stackrel{r}{\sim}$  coincide on  $\text{Hom}(A, B)$  and denoted by  $\sim$ . We write  $\pi(A, B)$  for  $\text{Hom}(A, B)/\sim$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}_c$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_f$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{cf}$  be a full subcategories of category  $\mathcal{C}$  consisting of all cofibrant, fibrant and fibrant-cofibrant objects respectively and  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}_c)$ ,  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}_f)$

and  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}_{cf})$  be corresponding homotopy categories. Denote by  $\pi_{\mathcal{C}_c}$  the category with the same object as  $\mathcal{C}$  and morphisms given by  $\text{Hom}_{\pi_{\mathcal{C}_c}}(A, B) = \pi^r(A, B)$  and define similiary for  $\mathcal{C}_f$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{cf}$ . Then funcotrs  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}_c) \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}_f) \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\pi_{\mathcal{C}_f} \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$  are equivalences of catefories [Quillen].

### 2.3.3 Higher homotopy groups.

Given model category  $\mathcal{C}$ , we define notions of the suspension and the loop. A *suspension object*  $\Sigma A$  of a cofibrant object is a pushout with respect to the map  $A \sqcup A \rightarrow 0$  of the map  $A \sqcup A \rightarrow A \times I$ . Similiary, a *loop object*  $\Omega B$  is pullback of  $0 \rightarrow B \times B$  by  $(j_0, j_1) : B^I \rightarrow B \times B$ . The objects  $\Sigma A$  and  $\Omega B$ , called also cofiber and fiber respectively, are a particular examples of the homotopy limit and the homotopy colimit in modern homotopy theory.

Given any two morphisms  $f, g : A \rightarrow B$  with cofibrant  $A$  and fibrant  $B$ , we can define a notion of the left homotopy between leftn homotopies. This notions is a equivalence relation and define set  $\pi_1^l(A, B; f, g)$  of homotopy classes of homotopies  $h : f \sim g$ . Simmilary, there exists a dual constraction  $\pi_1^r(A, B; f, g)$  that turns out to be isomorphic. Thus we denote this by  $\pi_1(A, B; f, g)$ . Let suppose that category  $\mathcal{C}$  has a null object  $0_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Then, we put  $\pi_1(A, B) \equiv \pi_1^l(A, B; 0, 0)$  where  $0$  is a zero map. This is a group. Thus we get a functor  $A, B \mapsto [A, B]_1, (\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}))^o \times \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Grps}$ , whenever  $A$  is a cofibrantand and  $B$  is a fibrant.

**Theorem**([Quillen]). There are two functors  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$ , called the *suspension* and the *loop* functor, such that  $[\Sigma A, B] \cong [A, B]_1 \cong [A, \Omega B]$ .