0.1. Construction of the spectral sequence. In the sections that follow, let (E, μ, e) be a monoid object and X and Y be objects in $S\mathcal{H}$.

Definition 0.1 (The Adams Spectral Sequence). Let \overline{E} be the fiber of the unit map $e: S \to E$ (??). Let $Y_0 := Y$ and $W_0 := E \otimes Y$. Then for s > 0, define

$$Y_s := \overline{E}^s \otimes Y, \qquad W_s := E \otimes Y_s = E \otimes \overline{E}^s \otimes Y,$$

where \overline{E}^s denotes the s-fold tensor product $\overline{E} \otimes \cdots \otimes \overline{E}$. Then we get fiber sequences

$$Y_{s+1} \xrightarrow{i_s} Y_s \xrightarrow{j_s} W_s \xrightarrow{k_s} \Sigma Y_{s+1}$$

obtained by applying $-\otimes Y_s$ to the fiber sequence

$$\overline{E} \to S \xrightarrow{e} E \to \Sigma \overline{E}$$
.

We can splice these sequences together to get the (canonical) Adams filtration of Y:

where here each k_s is of degree -1 (in particular, the above diagram does not commute in any sense), and each i_s and j_s have degree 0. We can extend this diagram to the right by setting $Y_s = Y$, $W_s = 0$, and $i_s = id_Y$ for s < 0. Then we may apply the functor $[X, -]_*$, and by ??, we obtain the following A-graded unrolled exact couple (??):

where here we are being abusive and writing $i_s: [X, Y_{s+1}]_* \to [X, Y_s]_*$ and $j_s: [X, Y_s]_* \to [X, W_s]_*$ to denote the pushforward maps induced by $i_s: Y_{s+1} \to Y_s$ and $j_s: Y_s \to W_s$, respectively. Each i_s, j_s , and ∂_s are A-graded homomorphisms of degrees 0, 0, and -1, respectively.

By ??, we may associate a $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -graded spectral sequence $r \mapsto (E_r^{*,*}(X,Y), d_r)$ to the above A-graded unrolled exact couple, where d_r has $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -degree (r, -1). We call this spectral sequence the E-Adams spectral sequence for the computation of $[X,Y]_*$.

For those who would rather not lose themselves in the appendix, we give a brief unravelling of how ?? applies to the present situation. Given some $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ and some $r \geq 1$, we may define the following A-graded subgroups of $[X, W_s]$:

$$Z^s_r := \partial_s^{-1}(\operatorname{im}[i^{(r-1)}: [X,Y_{s+r}]_* \to [X,Y_{s+1}]_*])$$

and

$$B_r^s := j_s(\ker[i^{(r-1)}: [X,Y_s]_* \to [X,Y_{s-r+1}]_*]),$$

where we adopt the convention that $i^{(0)}$ is simply the identity. This yields an infinite sequence of inclusions

$$0 = B_1^s \subseteq B_2^s \subseteq B_3^s \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \operatorname{im} j_s = \ker \partial_s \subseteq \cdots \subseteq Z_3^s \subseteq Z_2^s \subseteq Z_1^s = [X, W_s]_*.$$

Then for $r \geq 1$, we define E_r^s to be the A-graded quotient group

$$E_r^s := Z_r^s / B_r^s.$$

Thus taking the direct sum of all the E_r^s 's yields the r^{th} page of the spectral sequence

$$E_r := \bigoplus_{s \in \mathbb{Z}} E_r^s,$$

which is a $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -graded abelian group.

The differential $d_r: E_r \to E_r$ is a map of $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -degree $(r, \mathbf{1})$, and is constructed as follows: an element of $E_r^s = Z_r^s/B_r^s$ is a coset represented by some $x \in Z_r^s$, so that $\partial_s(x) = i^{(r-1)}(y)$ for some $y \in [X, Y_{s+r}]_*$. Then we define $d_r([x])$ to be the coset $[j_{s+r}(y)]$ in Z_r^{s+r}/B_r^{s+r} .

In the case r=1, since $B_1^s=0$ and $Z_1^s=[X,W_s]_*$, we have that $E_1^s=[X,W_s]_*$, and given some $x\in E_1^s=[X,W_s]_*$, the differential d_1 is given by $d_1(x)=j_{s+1}(\partial_s(x))$, so that $d_1=j\circ\partial$.

In ??, it is shown in explicit detail that all of these definitions make sense and are well-defined. In particular, it is shown that the differentials are well-defined A-graded homomorphisms, that $d_r \circ d_r = 0$, and that

$$\ker d_r^s/\operatorname{im} d_r^s = \frac{Z_{r+1}^s/B_r^s}{B_{r+1}^s/B_r^s} \cong Z_{r+1}^s/B_{r+1}^s = E_{r+1}^s.$$

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