

eCHT course on Stable Homotopy Theory

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1 Homotpy limits and colimits

1.1 Motivation

Notation: \mathcal{C} homotopical category. \mathcal{M} model category.

Usual limits colimits use 1-category structure. usual notion of colimits cannot be correct for topological structure.

$\text{colim} : \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Top}$ is not homotopical functor.

We want to give a modern correct formulation for this. A cofibrant replacement in the correct sense.

1.2 Preliminaries

Definition 1.1. A left deformation of \mathcal{C} is an endofunctor

$$Q : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

together with a natural weak equivalence

$$\eta : Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$$

\mathcal{C}_Q full subcat of \mathcal{X} that contains image of Q .

in model cat \mathcal{C}_Q is the category of cofibrant objects.

Definition 1.2. A left deformation of a functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$. is a left derived functor

$$q : Q \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$$

of \mathcal{C} and a choice of \mathcal{C}_Q such that F is homotopical on \mathcal{C}_Q .

Example 1.3. If M is a model cat. F is left Quillen, then the cofibrant replacement is a left def of F by Ken Brown lemma

Example 1.4. $M = CGWH$. Fact: CW complexes are cofibrant.

Theorem 1.5. If $q : Q \Rightarrow \text{id}$ is a left def of $F : C \rightarrow D$, then

$$LF = FQ$$

is a left derived functor of F .

Proof. 2.2.8 Riehl

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1.3 Homotopy colimits

Let J be small cat

Definition 1.6. the homotopy colimit functor, if it exists, is a left derived functor

$$\mathrm{hocolim} := \mathbb{L} \mathrm{colim} : \mathcal{C}^J \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

of $\mathrm{colim} : \mathcal{C}^J \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$.

To produce it find a left deformation functor Q of \mathcal{C} and consider FQ .

David's recap

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We can compute the left derived functor of $F : C \rightarrow D$ between homotopical categories using a left def $Q : C \rightarrow C, q : Q \Rightarrow 1$ such that $F|_{\mathrm{im} Q}$ is a homotopical functor by $\mathbb{L}F = FQ$.

In Top, Q is CW approximation in $CH(R)$ Q is projective resolution

$\mathrm{colim} : C^I \rightarrow C$ where C^I homotopical cat with pointwise weak equivalence. Then we compute $\mathrm{hocolim} = \mathbb{L} \mathrm{colim}$ using a bar complex.

Homotopy pushouts: $\mathrm{hocolim} Z \leftarrow X \rightarrow Y$ replace one of the morphisms with a cofibration. so the above is $\mathrm{colim}(QZ \leftarrow QX \rightarrow QY)$

you replace one of the objects with $Q(-)$ and then use the cofibration factorization on the other. But in top you only need one of f and g to be made into cofibration.

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2 Stable phenomenon of Spaces

Spaces of interest -Top, Top*. These spaces are not closed under products, even for CW complexes. CGWH is a category that satisfies these properties and we take these to mean spaces.

Definition 2.1. $(X, \cdot), (Y, \cdot) \in \mathrm{Top}_*$. Define Y^X to be maps and $F(X, Y)$ to be pointed maps equipped with compact open topology.

Smash Product defined.

$(\mathrm{Top}_*, \wedge, S^0)$ make a closed symmetric monoidal category. Internal hom = $F(X, Y)$.

$\mathrm{hom}_{\mathrm{Top}}(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong \mathrm{hom}(X, F(Y, Z)). F(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong F(X, (Y, Z)).$

$\pi_0(F(X, Y), *) \cong [S^0, F(X, Y)] \cong [X, Y]$

If we choose $Y = S^1$, then we get $F(\Sigma X, Z) \cong F(X, \Omega Z)$. If you apply the π_0 functor we get homotopy classes of maps bijection. in general $- \wedge Z \dashv F(-, Z)$

ΣX is the pushout of $* \leftarrow X \rightarrow *$.

ΩX is the pullback of $* \rightarrow X \leftarrow *$.

ΩX is an H group. ΣX gives a co H group structure.

If Y is a H group then $[-, Y]$ is a group. If X is a co group then $[X, Y]$ is a group. So the loop space suspension adjunction is an isomorphism.

If $[X, y]$ for X co H group and Y H group, then $[X, Y]$ is an abelian group.

Freudenthal Suspension Theorem

$\Sigma : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \pi_{n+1}(\Sigma X)$ is an isomorphism for $0 \leq i \leq 2n$ and epimorphism for $i = 2n + 1$.

$\text{colim}(\pi_{i+n+1}(\Sigma^n X)) = \pi_i^s(X)$ is the i^{th} stable homotopy group. If we take $X = Sp$, it is called i^{th} stable stem.

$\pi^*(S)$ is a graded ring, with graded commutative structure...

$X \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma X$, is $(2n + 1)$ connected if X is n -connected.

Define $QX = \text{colim}(X \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma X \rightarrow (\Omega \Sigma)^2 X \rightarrow \dots)$ $\pi_*(QX) = \pi_*^s(X)$.

Excision does not hold for $X = S^2, A = X \cap \mathbb{N}, B = X \cap \mathbb{S}$ and $A \cap B = S^1$. then $\pi_3(A, A \cap B) \cong \pi_2(S^1) = 0$ and $\pi_3(S^2, B) \cong \pi_3(S^2) \neq 0$.

Excision holds for higher homotopy groups up to connectivity.

Theorem 2.2 (Blaker's Massey Excision). If $X = A \cup B$, $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and A, C is m connected and (B, C) is n connected

$$\pi_i(A, C) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_i(X, B)$$

isomorphism for $i < m + n$ and surjective for $i = m + n$.

Theorem 2.3. If

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q & \xrightarrow{n\text{-connected}} & Y \\ \downarrow m\text{-connected} & \swarrow \text{ } & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P \end{array}$$

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$h m + n - 1 \text{ connected}$

here F is the pullback of the inner square. this gives a version of van Kampen.

Corollary 2.4. $X = *$. $Q \xrightarrow{g} Y \xrightarrow{c} P$ Q is m connected and g, c n connected. Then $\text{hofib}(g) = F$ $Q \rightarrow F$ is $m + n$ connected

If X, Y are p, q , connected then $X \vee Y \rightarrow X \times Y$ is $p + q + 1$ connected.

Theorem 2.5. Hurewicz Theorem fsdafsjkdfhljkh