

Stable Homotopy theory and Spectral sequences

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❖ Underlying Theorems

We begin with noting down some theorems from algebraic topology and later about Brown Representability theorem. For the following theorems we refer to [H] for proofs.

Theorem 1.1. Let X be a CW complex decomposed as the union of subcomplexes A and B with nonempty connected intersection $C = A \cap B$. If (A, C) is m -connected and (B, C) is n -connected, $m, n \geq 0$, then the map $\pi_i(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_i(X, B)$ induced by inclusion is an isomorphism for $i < m + n$ and a surjection for $i = m + n$.

This yields the Freudenthal Suspension theorem

Theorem 1.2. The suspension map $\pi_i(S^n) \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(S^{n+1})$ is an isomorphism for $i < 2n - 1$ and a surjection for $i = 2n - 1$. More generally this holds for the suspension $\pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(SX)$ whenever X is an $(n - 1)$ -connected CW complex.

Let X and Y be CW complexes with basepoints. The suspension ΣX , or equivalently reduced suspension, be either $S^1 \wedge X$ or $X \wedge S^1$. Suspension induces a function

$$S : [X, Y] \rightarrow [\Sigma X, \Sigma Y]$$

Theorem 1.3. Suppose that Y is $(n - 1)$ -connected. Then S is onto if $\dim X \leq 2n - 1$ and is a 1 - 1 correspondence if $\dim X < 2n - 1$.

Under these circumstances we call an element of $[X, Y]$ a stable homotopy class of maps.

We define the notion of a cohomology operation. It is a natural transformation

$$\phi : H^n(X, Y; \pi) \rightarrow H^m(X, Y; G)$$

where n runs over \mathbb{Z} . The map is subject to the axiom: if $f : X, Y \rightarrow X', Y'$ and $h \in H^n(X', Y'; \pi)$ then $\phi(f^*h) = f^*(\phi h)$ (See [H]).

A stable cohomology operation is said to be a collection of cohomology operations, say

$$\phi_n : H^n(X, Y; \pi) \rightarrow H^{n+d}(X, Y; G)$$

Here n runs over \mathbb{Z} . Each ϕ_n is required to be natural, as above and the following diagram be commutative for each n .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^n(Y, Z; \pi) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{n+1}(Y, Z; \pi) \\ \phi_n \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_{n+1} \\ H^{n+d}(Y, Z; G) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{n+d+1}(Y, Z; G) \end{array}$$

1.1 Brown Representability Theorem

Let \mathcal{C} be a locally small category, i.e., a category such that for any object C and C' in \mathcal{C} , the class of morphisms $\mathcal{C}(C, C')$ is a set. Let C_0 be a fixed object of \mathcal{C} . We define the contravariant functor :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(-, C_0) : \mathcal{C} &\longrightarrow \text{Set} \\ C &\longmapsto \mathcal{C}(C, C_0) \\ C \xrightarrow{f} C' &\longmapsto f^* : \mathcal{C}(C', C_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(C, C_0) \end{aligned}$$

where $f^*(\varphi) = \varphi \circ f$, for any φ in $\mathcal{C}(C', C_0)$

Definition 1.4 (Representable Contravariant Functor). Let \mathcal{C} be a locally small category. A contravariant functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is said to be representable if there is an object C_0 in \mathcal{C} and a natural isomorphism :

$$e : \mathcal{C}(-, C_0) \Rightarrow F$$

We say that C_0 represents F , and C_0 is a classifying object for F .

Lemma 1.5 (Yoneda Lemma). Let \mathcal{C} be a locally small category. Let $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ be a contravariant functor. For any object C_0 in \mathcal{C} , there is a one-to-one correspondance between natural transformation $e : \mathcal{C}(-, C_0) \Rightarrow F$ and elements u in $F(C_0)$, which is given, for any object C in \mathcal{C} , by:

$$\begin{aligned} e_C : \mathcal{C}(C, C_0) &\longrightarrow F(C) \\ \varphi &\longmapsto F(\varphi)(u). \end{aligned}$$

We now introduce Brown functors and discuss about their representability.

Definition 1.6 (Brown Functors). Let \mathcal{T} be a full subcategory of Top_* . A Brown functor $h : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is a contravariant homotopy functor, which respects the following axioms.

Additivity/Wedge axiom For any collection $\{X_j \mid j \in \mathcal{J}\}$ of based spaces in \mathcal{T} , the inclusion maps $i_j : X_j \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{j \in \mathcal{J}} X_j$ induce an isomorphism on Set :

$$(h(i_j))_{j \in \mathcal{J}} : h\left(\bigvee_{j \in \mathcal{J}} X_j\right) \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{J}} h(X_j).$$

Mayer-Vietoris For any excisive triad $(X; A, B)$ in \mathcal{T} , if a is in $h(A)$, and b is in $h(B)$, such that $a|_{A \cap B} = b|_{A \cap B}$, then there exists x in $h(X)$, such that $x|_A = a$ and $x|_B = b$.

Any generalised cohomology theory on CW_* defines a Brown functor in each dimension.

Proposition 1.7. Let h be a Brown functor. If X is a co-H-group then $h(X)$ is a group.

Theorem 1.8 (Brown Representability Theorem). $h : CW_* \rightarrow \text{Set}_*$ be a brown functor. Then h is representable.

So when the functor h on CW_* is representable, then there exists a vased CW complex E such that there exists a natural isomorphism,

$$\begin{aligned} e : [-E]_* &\Longrightarrow h \\ e_X([f]_*) &= h(f)(u) \end{aligned}$$

where $f : X \rightarrow E$ and $u \in h(E)$ is the universal element of h .

The representability theorem is also valid in the category of CW spectra and morphisms of degree 0.

❖ Spectra

A *spectrum* E is a sequence of spaces E_n with basepoint, provided with structure maps, $\epsilon_n : \Sigma E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$ or equivalently $\epsilon'_n : E_n \rightarrow \Omega E_{n+1}$.

Example. To illustrate this we give an example where cohomology theory gives rise to a CW spectrum. Let K^* be a generalized cohomology theory, defined on CW pairs. We have $K^n(X) = K^n(X, pt.) + K^n(pt.)$ and define $\tilde{K}^n(X) = K^n(X, pt.)$. We assume K^* satisfies the wedge axiom.

We can apply Brown representability theorem and say that there exist connected CW-complexes E_n with base point and natural equivalences such that

$$\tilde{K}^n(X) \cong [X, E_n]$$

Consider the suspension isomorphism $\Sigma : \tilde{K}^n(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \tilde{K}^{n+1}(\Sigma X)$. The suspension isomorphism is defined with the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K^n(X, pt) & \xrightarrow[\delta \cong]{} & K^{n+1}(CX, X) \\
 & \searrow \Sigma & \uparrow \cong \text{excision} \\
 & & K^{n+1}(\Sigma X, C'X) \\
 & & \downarrow \cong C'X \text{ contractible} \\
 & & K^{n+1}(\Sigma X, pt)
 \end{array}$$

The map δ is the coboundary for the exact sequence for the triple $(CX, X, pt.)$. Here CX and $C'X$ are the two cones that make up ΣX

We have now natural equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}
 [X, E_n] &\cong \tilde{K}^n(X) \cong \tilde{K}^{n+1}(\Sigma X) \\
 &\cong [\Sigma X, E_{n+1}] \cong [X, \Omega_0 E_{n+1}].
 \end{aligned}$$

This natural equivalence must be induced by a weak equivalence (consequence of Yoneda Lemma):

$$\epsilon'_n : E_n \rightarrow \Omega E_{n+1}$$

So this sequence of spaces becomes a spectrum. This spectrum is also called Ω -spectrum (assuming all the spaces are connected for convenience)

We define a spectrum F to be a *suspension spectrum* or *S-spectrum* if

$$\varphi_n : \Sigma F_n \longrightarrow F_{n+1}$$

is a weak homotopy equivalence for n sufficiently large.

Example. Given a CW-complex X , let $E_n = \begin{cases} \Sigma^n X & (n \geq 0) \\ pt & (n < 0) \end{cases}$ with the obvious maps. Then this spectrum E would be an S-spectrum, but need not be an Ω -spectrum. E is called the suspension spectrum of X .

In particular, the sphere spectrum S is the suspension spectrum of S^0 ; it has n^{th} term S^n for $n \geq 0$.

We now define homotopy groups of a spectrum. consider the following homomorphisms

$$\pi_{n+r}(E_n) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+r+1}(\Sigma E_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon_n)_\star} \pi_{n+r+1}(E_{n+1})$$

We define the stable homotopy groups:

$$\pi_r(E) = \varinjlim_n \pi_{n+r}(E_n) \quad ^1$$

If E is an Ω -spectrum then the homomorphism

$$\pi_{n+r}(E_n) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+r+1}(E_{n+1})$$

is an isomorphism for $n + r \geq 1$; the limit is attained, and we have

$$\pi_r(E) = \pi_{n+r}(E_n) \quad \text{for } n + r \geq 1.$$

In the case of Suspension spectrum, we have $\pi_r(E) = \varinjlim_n \pi_{n+r}(\Sigma^n X)$. The limit is attained for $n > r + 1$. In this case we have the homotopy groups of E are the stable homotopy groups of X .

Similarly we define relative homotopy groups. Let X be a spectrum, then a subspectrum A of X consist of subspaces $A_n \subset X_n$ such that the spectrum maps $\xi_n : \Sigma X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$ maps ΣA_n into A_{n+1} . We define the relative homotopy groups as

$$\pi_r(X, A) = \varinjlim_n \pi_{n+r}(X_n, A_n)$$

and we get a exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_*(A) \rightarrow \pi_*(X) \rightarrow \pi_*(X, A) \rightarrow \pi_*(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

¹in this case colimit= \lim_n

2.1 Stable Homotopy Category

E is called a CW spectrum if

1. the terms E_n are CW-complexes with base point and
2. each map $\epsilon_n : \Sigma E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$ is an isomorphism from ΣE_n to a sub-complex of E_{n+1} .

A subspectrum A of a CW spectrum E is as defined before, with the added condition that $A_n \subset X_n$ for each n . Let E be a CW-spectrum, E' a subspectrum of E . We say E' is cofinal in E if for each n and each finite subcomplex $K \subset E_n$ there is an m (depending on n and K) such that $\Sigma^m K$ maps into E'_{m+n} under the map

$$\Sigma^m E_n \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{m-1} \epsilon_n} \Sigma^{m-1} E_{n+1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow E_{m+n-1} \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{m+n-1}} E_{m+n}.$$

A function f from one spectrum E to another spectrum F of degree r is a sequence of maps $f_n : E_n \rightarrow F_{n-r}$ such that the following diagram is strictly commutative for each n

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma E_n & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_n} & E_{n+1} \\ \downarrow \Sigma f_n & & \downarrow f_{n+1} \\ \Sigma F_{n-r} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{n-r}} & F_{n-r+1} \end{array}$$

or equivalently maps in the Ω spectrum. Note here that the diagrams are to be strictly commutative and not commutative up to homotopy.

Let E be a CW spectrum and F be a CW spectrum. take all cofinal subspectra $E' \subset E$ and all functions $f' : E' \rightarrow F$. Say that two functions $f' : E' \rightarrow F$ and $f'' : E'' \rightarrow F$ are equivalent if there is a cofinal subspectrum E''' contained in E' and E'' such that the restrictions of f' and f'' to E''' coincide.

A map from E to F is an equivalence class of such functions. This is saying that if we have a cell c in E_n , a map need not be defined on it at once; we can wait till E_{m+n} before defining the map on $\Sigma^m c$. This is equivalent to saying that two functions $f' : E' \rightarrow F$ and $f'' : E'' \rightarrow F$ are equivalent if their restrictions to $E' \cap E''$ coincide.

Lemma 2.1. Let $f : E \rightarrow F$ be a function and F' a cofinal subspectrum of F . Then there is a cofinal subspectrum E' of E such that f maps E' into F' .

Proof. Consider the collection of all subspectra G such that $f(G) \subseteq F'$. This collection is nonempty because it contains the basepoint. Let E' be the union of these subspectra. Then $f(E') \subseteq F'$. It remains to show that E' is a cofinal subspectrum. Let K be a finite complex in E_n . Consider $f_n(K)$, this is contained in a finite subcomplex $H \subseteq F_n$. This is because f_n is cellular. As F' is cofinal, there is a d such that $\Sigma^d H \subseteq F'_{n+d}$. Thus $f_{n+d}(\Sigma^d K) \subseteq F'_{n+d}$. So $\Sigma^d K \subseteq E'_{n+d}$.

□

Let I^+ be the union of the unit interval and a disjoint base-point. For E a spectrum, we define $Cyl(E)$ is the cylinder spectrum and has terms

$$Cyl(E)_n = I^+ \wedge E_n$$

and maps

$$(I^+ \wedge E_n) \wedge S^1 \xrightarrow{1 \wedge \epsilon_n} I^+ \wedge E_{n+1}$$

The cylinder spectrum is a functor: a map $f : E \rightarrow F$ induces a map $Cyl(f) : Cyl(E) \rightarrow Cyl(F)$.

Two maps $f, g : E \rightarrow F$ are homotopic if there is a map $h : Cyl(E) \rightarrow F$ such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E \wedge 0^+ & \longrightarrow & Cyl(E) & \longleftarrow & E \wedge 1^+ \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow h & \swarrow g & \\ & & F & & \end{array}$$

A *morphism* in the category $CWSp$ will be a homotopy class of maps. We write $[E, F]_r$ for the set of homotopy classes of maps with degree r .

The *stable homotopy category*, denoted SHC is the category whose objects are the same as those of $CWSp$ and whose morphisms are the homotopy classes of maps. That is $SHC(E, F) := [E, F]$ for CW spectra E and F .

As long as we deal entirely with CW spectra we can restrict attention to functions whose components $f_n : E_n \rightarrow F_{n-r}$ are cellular maps.

Proposition 2.2. Let K be a finite CW -complex and let R be its suspension spectrum, so that $E_n = \Sigma^n K$ for $n \geq 0$. Let F be any spectrum.

We have

$$[E, F]_r = \varinjlim_n [\Sigma^{n+r} K, F_n]$$

In particular,

$$[S, F]_r = \pi_r(F)$$

Proof. [A, Pg 164] □

Let C_n be the set of cells in E_n other than the base-point. Then we get a function $C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$ by $C_\alpha \mapsto \epsilon_n(\Sigma C_\alpha)$. This function is an injection. Let $C = \varinjlim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n$. An element of C is called *stable cell*. A stable cell is essentially an equivalence class that contains atmost one cell in E_n . If there are only finite number of stable cells in a spectra we call that a finite spectra.

We state the homotopy extension theorem in $CWsp$ and refer to [A] for proof.

Lemma 2.3. Let X, A be a pair of CW -spectra, and Y, B a pair of spectra such that $\pi_*(Y, B) = 0$. Suppose given a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and a homotopy $h : \text{Cyl}(A) \rightarrow Y$ from $f|_A$ to a map $g : A \rightarrow B$. Then the homotopy can be extended over $\text{Cyl}(X)$ so as to deform f to a map $X \rightarrow B$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\quad in_0 \quad} & A \wedge I_+ & \xleftarrow{\quad in_1 \quad} & A \\
 \downarrow \iota & \nearrow f & \downarrow & \nwarrow h & \downarrow \\
 & Y & & B & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \wedge I_+ & \xleftarrow{\quad in_1 \quad} & X
 \end{array}$$

The homotopy extension theorem is a special case when $B = Y$.

Lemma 2.4. Suppose $\pi_*(Y) = 0$ and X, A is a pair of CW -spectra. Then any map $f : A \rightarrow Y$ can be extended over X .

Proof. Applying the previous lemma to the pair $(A, *)$ and $(Y, *)$ we get that f is nullhomotopic. We have $h : \text{Cyl}(A) \rightarrow Y$ a homotopy from f to a map $g : A \rightarrow *$. Then there exists an extension of h , $\tilde{h} : \text{Cyl}(X) \rightarrow Y$. □

Theorem 2.5. Let $f : E \rightarrow F$ be function between spectra(need not be CW) such that $f_* : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(F)$ is an isomorphism. Then for any CW -spectrum X ,

$$f_* : [X, E]_* \rightarrow [X, F]_*$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. We can replace F by the spectrum M in which M_n is the mapping cylinder of f_n and assume that f is an inclusion. Then $\pi_*(F, E) = 0$ by the exact sequence. Now consider $(X, *)$ and apply 2.4. This gives us f_* is an epimorphism. For proving monomorphism consider 2.4 for the pair $(X \wedge I_+, X \wedge (\partial I)_+)$ (i.e. $Cyl(X)$ mod its ends).

□

Corollary 2.6. Let $f : E \rightarrow F$ be a morphism between CW-spectra such that $f_* : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(F)$ is an isomorphism. Then f is an equivalence in our category.

Lemma 2.7. Any CW spectrum Y is equivalent in the SHC to an Ω spectrum.

Proof. Let us consider a functor $T^{(n)}$ from CW complexes to spectra given by

$$(T^{(n)}X)_r = \begin{cases} \Sigma^{r-n}X & r \geq n \\ \text{pt.} & r < n \end{cases}$$

Form the set of morphisms $[T^{(n)}X, Y]_0$, which is a Brown functor and is representable. Let it be represented by Z_n .

$$[X, Z_n] \approx [T^{(n)}X, Y] \approx [T^{(n+1)}(\Sigma X), Y] \approx [\Sigma X, Z_{n+1}] \approx [X, \Omega Z_{n+1}]$$

Thus Z is an Ω spectrum. Take $X = Y_n$,

$$[T^{(n)}Y_n, Y] \approx [Y_n, Z_n].$$

Take the map $f_n : Y_n \rightarrow Z_n$ that corresponds to the equivalence class of functions $\phi_n : (T^{(n)}Y_n)_n = Y_n \rightarrow Y_n$. Since $[Y_n, Z_n]$ is a group f_n has an inverse. Consider function f with the sequence of maps f_n , this induces isomorphism

$$f_* : \pi_*(Y) \rightarrow \pi_*(Z).$$

Applying 2.6 gives the desired conclusion.

□

If X is a spectrum, let $Cone(X)$ be the spectrum whose n^{th} term is $I \wedge X_n$ with maps

$$(I \wedge X_n) \wedge S^1 \xrightarrow{1 \wedge \epsilon_n} I \wedge X_{n+1}$$

Theorem 2.8. Let $f : E, A \longrightarrow F, B$ be a function between pairs of spectra such that

$$f_* : \pi_*(E, A) \longrightarrow \pi_*(F, B)$$

is an isomorphism. Then for any CW-spectrum X ,

$$f_* : [\text{Cone}(X), X; E, A]_* \longrightarrow [\text{Cone}(X), X; F, B]_*$$

is an isomorphism.

For any spectrum X , define $\text{Susp}(X)$ to be the spectrum whose n^{th} terms is $S^1 \wedge X_n$ and its structure maps are

$$(S^1 \wedge X_n) \wedge S^1 \xrightarrow{1 \wedge \xi_n} S^1 \wedge X_{n+1}.$$

Susp is a functor.

Theorem 2.9. $\text{Susp} : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [\text{Susp}(X), \text{Susp}(Y)]_*$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. [A, Theorem 3.7]

□

This shows the the sets of morphism $[X, Y]$ are abelian groups and also that the compositions are bilinear.

We would like to show that we have an additive category. We take the spectrum $E_n = \text{pt.}$ for all n to be the trivial object. This category has arbitrary sums(=coproducts). Given spectra X_α for $\alpha \in A$, we form $X = \bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha$ by $X_n = \bigvee_\alpha (X_\alpha)_n$, with structure maps

$$X_n \wedge S^1 = \left(\bigvee_\alpha (X_\alpha)_n \right) \wedge S^1 = \bigvee_\alpha (X_\alpha) \wedge S^1 \xrightarrow{\bigvee_\alpha \xi_{\alpha n}} \bigvee_\alpha (X_\alpha)_{n+1}$$

This has the required property:

$$\left[\bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha, Y \right] \xrightarrow{\cong} [X, Y]$$

We now look at cofiber sequences for CW spectra. Suppose given a map $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ between CW-spectra. Let it be represented by a function $f' : X' \longrightarrow Y$, where X' is a cofinal subspectrum. Without loss of generality we can suppose f' is cellular. We form the mapping cone $Y \cup_{f'} CX$ as follows: its n^{th} terms

is $Y_n \cup_{f'_n} (I \wedge X'_n)$ and the structure maps are the obvious ones. If we replace X' by a smaller cofinal subspectrum X'' , we get $Y \cup_{f''} CX''$ which is smaller than $Y \cup_{f'} CX'$, but cofinal in it, and so equivalent. So the construct depends essentially only on the map f , and we can write it $Y \cup_f CX$. If we vary f by a homotopy, $Y \cup_{f_0} CX$ and $Y \cup_{f_1} CX$ are equivalent, but the equivalence depends on the choice of homotopy.

Let X be a CW-spectrum, A a subspectrum. A is closed if for ever finite subcomplex $K \subset X_n$, $\Sigma^m K \subset A_{m+n}$ implies $K \subset A_n$. It is equivalent to saying that $A \subset B \subset X$, A cofinal in B implies that $A = B$.

Proposition 2.10. Suppose we have a cofiber sequence

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{i} Y \cup_f CX$$

Then for each Z the sequence

$$[Y \cup_f CX, Z] \xrightarrow{i^*} [Y, Z] \xrightarrow{f^*} [X, Z]$$

is exact.

Proposition 2.11. Suppose we have a cofiber sequence

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{i} Y \cup_f CX$$

The sequence

$$[W, X] \xrightarrow{f_*} [W, Y] \xrightarrow{i_*} [W, Y \cup_f CX]$$

is exact.

We can extend the cofibre sequence further and similar to CW complexes we get

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{i} Y \cup_f CX \xrightarrow{j} \text{Susp}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{Susp}(f)} \text{Susp}(Y)$$

In other words, in SHC cofiberings are the same as fibering.

Proposition 2.12. Finite sums are products.

Proof. We have

$$X \rightarrow X \vee Y \rightarrow Y$$

which is clearly a cofiber. So we have the exact sequence

$$[W, X] \rightarrow [W, X \vee Y] \rightarrow [W, Y].$$

The map $Y \xrightarrow{i} X \vee Y$ is a section so the exact sequence splits.

$$[W, X \vee Y] \cong [W, X] \oplus [W, Y]$$

and $X \vee Y$ is also the product of X and Y □

This proves that SHC is an additive category.

As noted down earlier, the Brown representability theorem is valid in the category of CW-spectra and morphisms of degree 0.

Proposition 2.13. Any spectrum Y is weakly equivalent to a CW-spectrum.

Proof. Consider the representable functor $[X, Y]_0$. $[X, K] \approx [X, Y]_0$ for some CW spectrum K . We consider $X = K$ and take the image of id . □

Proposition 2.14. The SHC has arbitrary product.

Proof. The functor of X given by $\prod_{\alpha} [X, Y_{\alpha}]_0$ is a Brown Functor and is representable. (This works out for maps of degree r as well but how?) □

For any collection of X_{α} we have a morphism $\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$.

Proposition 2.15. Suppose that for each n $\pi_n(X_{\alpha}) = 0$ for all but a finite number of α then the map

$$\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$$

is an equivalence.

Proof. We have

$$\pi_n(X_1 \vee \cdots \vee X_m) \cong \sum_{i=1}^m \pi_n(X_i)$$

for finite wedges. By passing to direct limits(how?) we have

$$\pi_n\left(\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}\right) = \sum_{\alpha} \pi_n(X_{\alpha})$$

Also

$$\pi_n\left(\prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}\right) = \prod_{\alpha} \pi_n(X_{\alpha})$$

Now the data was chosen precisely so that $\sum_{\alpha} \pi_n(X_{\alpha}) \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha} \pi_n(X_{\alpha})$ is an isomorphism. Therefore $\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$ is an equivalence. □

❖ Smash Products

In this section we will construct smash product. Given two CW spectra X and Y , we construct a CW spectrum $X \wedge Y$ so as to have the properties stated in the following theorem, among other properties.

Theorem 3.1. 1. $X \wedge Y$ is a functor of two variables, with arguments and values in the (graded) SHC.

2. The smash-product is associative, commutative and has the sphere spectrum S as a unit, up to coherent natural equivalences.

Statement 1 is to be taken in the graded sense. That is for $f \in [X, X']_r$ and $g \in [Y, Y']_s$, $f \wedge g \in [X \wedge Y, X' \wedge Y']_{r+s}$ and also $(f \wedge g)(h \wedge k) = (-1)^{bc}(fh) \wedge (gk)$ if $f \in [X', X'']_a$, $h \in [X, X']_b$, $g \in [Y', Y'']_c$, $k \in [Y, Y']_d$.

The following equivalences hold true in our category.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= a(X, Y, Z) : (X \wedge Y) \wedge Z \longrightarrow X \wedge (Y \wedge Z) \\ c &= C(X, Y) : X \wedge Y \longrightarrow Y \wedge X \\ l &= l(Y) : S \wedge Y \longrightarrow Y \\ r &= r(X) : X \wedge S \longrightarrow X \end{aligned}$$

These are all maps of degree 0 and are natural. The naturality for commutativity is up to a sign $(-1)^{rs}$, if $f \in [X, X']_r$ and $g \in [Y, Y']_s$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \wedge Y & \xrightarrow{c} & Y \wedge X \\ \downarrow f \wedge g & & \downarrow g \wedge f \\ X' \wedge Y' & \xrightarrow{c} & Y' \wedge X' \end{array}$$

Let A be an ordered set isomorphic to $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Suppose we have a partition of A into two subsets B and C , so that $A = B \cup C$ and $B \cap C = \emptyset$. Then we define a smash product functor which assigns to any two CW spectra X and Y a CW spectrum $X \wedge_{BC} Y$. The terms of this product spectrum $P = X \wedge_{BC} Y$ are given by $P_{\alpha(a)} = X_{\beta(a)} \wedge Y_{\gamma(a)}$. Here α is an isomorphism from $A = B \cup C$ to the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and β, γ are monotonic functions. such that $\beta(a) + \gamma(a) = \alpha(a)$. This is called handicrafted or naive smash products.

The maps of the product spectrum are defined as follows. We have

$$P_{\alpha(a)} \wedge S^1 = X_{\beta(a)} \wedge Y_{\gamma(a)} \wedge S^1.$$

We regard S^1 as one point compactification of \mathbb{R} , where infinity becomes the base point. This allows us to define a map of degree -1 from S^1 to S^1 , by $t \mapsto -t$.

If $a \in B$, then

$$P_{\alpha(a)+1} = X_{\beta(a)+1} \wedge Y_{\gamma(a)}$$

and we define the map

$$\pi_{\alpha(a)} : SP_{\alpha(a)} \longrightarrow P_{\alpha(a)+1}$$

by

$$\pi_{\alpha(a)}(x \wedge y \wedge t) = \xi_{\beta(a)} \left(x \wedge (-1)^{\gamma(a)} t \right) \wedge y$$

If $a \in C$, then

$$P_{\alpha(a)+1} = X_{\beta(a)} \wedge Y_{\gamma(a)+1}$$

and we define the map

$$\pi_{\alpha(a)}(x \wedge y \wedge t) = x \wedge \eta_{\gamma(a)}(y \wedge t).$$

Here

$$x \in X_{\beta(a)}, \quad y \in Y_{\gamma(a)}, \quad t \in S^1,$$

and

$$\xi_{\beta(a)} : X_{\beta(a)} \wedge S^1 \longrightarrow X_{\beta(a)}, \quad \eta_{\gamma(a)} : Y_{\gamma(a)} \wedge S^1 \longrightarrow Y_{\gamma(a)+1}$$

are the appropriate maps from the spectra X, Y . The sign $(-1)^{\gamma(a)}$ is introduced, of course, because we have moved S^1 across $Y_{\gamma(a)}$.

The product P is functorial for functions of X and Y . If B is infinite and X' is cofinal in X , then $X' \wedge_{BC} Y$ is cofinal in $X \wedge_{BC} Y$. $Cyl(X) \wedge_{BC} Y$ and $X \wedge_{BC} Cyl(Y)$ can be identified with $Cyl(X \wedge_{BC} Y)$.

$X \wedge Y$ is constructed so that it has the following properties.

Theorem 3.2. For each choice of B, C there is a morphism

$$eq_{BC} : X \wedge_{BC} Y \longrightarrow X \wedge Y \quad (\text{of degree } 0)$$

with the following properties.

1. If B is infinite and $f : X \longrightarrow X'$ is a morphism of degree 0, then the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \wedge_{BC} Y & \xrightarrow{eq_{BC}} & X \wedge Y \\ f \wedge_{BC} 1 \downarrow & & \downarrow f \wedge 1 \\ X' \wedge_{BC} Y & \xrightarrow{eq_{BC}} & X' \wedge Y \end{array}$$

2. If C is infinite and $g : Y \rightarrow Y'$ is a morphism of degree 0, then the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \wedge_{BC} Y & \xrightarrow{eq_{BC}} & X \wedge Y \\ 1 \wedge_{BC} g \downarrow & & \downarrow 1 \wedge g \\ X \wedge_{BC} Y' & \xrightarrow{eq_{BC}} & X' \wedge Y \end{array}$$

3. The morphism $eq_{BC} : X \wedge_{BC} Y \rightarrow X \wedge Y$ is an equivalence if any one of the following conditions is satisfied.
- (a) B and C are infinite.
 - (b) B is finite, say with d elements and $\xi_r : \Sigma X_r \rightarrow X_{r+1}$ is an isomorphism for $r \geq d$.
 - (c) C is finite, say with d elements and $\eta_r : \Sigma Y_r \rightarrow Y_{r+1}$ is an isomorphism for $r \geq d$.

The handicrafted smash products are commutative for the right choice of B, C at each point. We partition the sets accordingly with the following condition.
Condition Elements number $0, 1, 2, 3$ in A are either four elements in B or four elements in C . similarly for elements number $4, 5, 6, 7$ in A and similarly for elements number $4r, 4r + 1, 4r + 2, 4r + 3$ for each r . The smash product has the following property regarding commutativity

Theorem 3.3. The equivalence $c : X \wedge Y \rightarrow Y \wedge X$ makes the following diagram commutative for each choice of B, C satisfying the [condition](#) stated above

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \wedge Y & \xrightarrow{c} & Y \wedge X \\ eq_{BC} \uparrow & & \uparrow eq_{CB} \\ X \wedge_{BC} Y & \xrightarrow{c_{BC}} & Y \wedge_{CB} X \end{array}$$

The handicrafted smash products have S as a unit if we pick the right product at each point. Say, we partition $A = \phi \cup A$ satisfying the [condition](#) we have S as a unit.

Define

$$l : S \wedge Y \rightarrow Y$$

to be the composite

$$S \wedge Y \xleftarrow[\text{equivalence}]{eq_{\phi, A}} A \wedge_{\phi A} Y \cong Y (eq_{\phi, A} \text{ is an equivalence})$$

We also have the isomorphisms $S^0 \wedge Y \cong Y$ and $X \wedge S^0 \cong X$ with the obvious component-wise isomorphism. This is also natural for morphisms of degree 0. we noe define

$$r : X \wedge S \rightarrow X$$

to be the composite

$$X \wedge S \xleftarrow{eq_{\phi,A}} X \wedge_{A\phi} S \cong X (eq_{\phi,A} \text{ is an equivalence})$$

Since $S \wedge S$ is equivalent to S , we have $[S \wedge S, S \wedge S]_0 \cong [S, S]_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}$. Also we construct the smash product so that the map $c : S \wedge S \rightarrow S \wedge S$ has degree 1.

We refer to [A] for details regarding the construction. We will note down some more properties of the smash product especially regarding sphere-spectra.

Let us define sphere-spectra of different stable dimensions.

$$(\underline{S}^i)_n = \begin{cases} S^{n+1} & n + i \geq 0 \\ \text{pt.} & n + i < 0 \end{cases}$$

Proposition 3.4. We have an equivalence $\underline{S}^i \wedge \underline{S}^j \xrightarrow{e} \underline{S}^{i+j}$ such that the following diagrams are commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\underline{S}^i \wedge \underline{S}^j) \wedge \underline{S}^k & \xrightarrow{a} & \underline{S}^i \wedge (\underline{S}^j \wedge \underline{S}^k) \\ \downarrow e \wedge 1 & & \downarrow 1 \wedge e \\ \underline{S}^{i+j} \wedge \underline{S}^k & & \underline{S}^i \wedge \underline{S}^{j+k} \\ & \searrow e \quad \swarrow e & \\ & \underline{S}^{i+j+k} & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{S}^i \wedge \underline{S}^j & \xrightarrow{c} & \underline{S}^j \wedge \underline{S}^i \\ \downarrow e & & \downarrow e \\ \underline{S}^{i+j} & \xrightarrow{(-1)^{ij}} & \underline{S}^{j+i} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{S}^0 \wedge \underline{S}^j & \xrightarrow{e} & \underline{S}^j \\ & \searrow l_e & \\ \underline{S}^i \wedge \underline{S}^0 & \xrightarrow{r} & \underline{S}^i \end{array}$$

Proposition 3.5. We have the equivalences

$$\gamma_r : X \rightarrow (\underline{S})^r \wedge X \text{ of degree } r$$

with the following properties

1. (i) γ_r is natural for maps of X of degree 0. (This is all we can ask, because we have not yet made $\underline{S}^r \wedge X$ functorial for maps of non-zero degree.).
2. $\gamma_0 = \ell^{-1}$.
3. The following diagram is commutative for each r and s .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\underline{S})^{r+s} \wedge X & \xleftarrow{e \wedge 1} & (\underline{S}^r \wedge \underline{S}^s) \wedge X \\
 \uparrow \gamma_{r+s} & & \downarrow a \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\gamma_s} & \underline{S}^s \wedge X \\
 & & \uparrow \gamma_r \\
 & & \underline{S}^r \wedge (\underline{S}^s \wedge X)
 \end{array}$$

With the above proposition at hand we can the original SHC with a new category where the objects are still CW spectra, but the morphisms of degree r are given by $[\underline{S}^r \wedge X, Y]_0$ in the old category.

Composition is as follows. If we have $\underline{S}^r \wedge X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $\underline{S}^s \wedge Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$ of degree 0, take their composite to be

$$(\underline{S})^{s+r} \wedge X \xleftarrow{e \wedge 1} (\underline{S}^s \wedge \underline{S}^r) \wedge X \xrightarrow{a} \underline{S}^s \wedge (\underline{S}^r \wedge X) \xrightarrow{1 \wedge f} \underline{S}^s \wedge Y \xrightarrow{g} Z.$$

The composition is associative and $\ell : \underline{S}^0 \wedge X \rightarrow X$ is an identity map.

Proposition 3.6. The new graded category is isomorphic to the old SHC, under the isomorphism sending

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{S}^r \wedge X \xrightarrow{f} Y \\ \text{(in the new category)} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} X \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} \underline{S}^r \wedge X \xrightarrow{f} Y \\ \text{(in the old category)} \end{array} \right\}$$

It is an easy to show the naturality of γ_r with respect to maps of degree s : the diagram is commutative up to a sign of $(-1)^{rs}$ if $f \in [X, Y]_s$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} & \underline{S}^r \wedge X \\
 \downarrow f & (-1)^{rs} & \downarrow 1 \wedge f \\
 Y & \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} & \underline{S}^r \wedge Y
 \end{array}$$

The smash product is distributive over the wedge-sum. Let $X = \bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$; let $i_{\alpha} : X_{\alpha} \longrightarrow X$ be a typical inclusion. Then the morphism

$$\bigvee_{\alpha} (X_{\alpha} \wedge Y) \xrightarrow{i_{\alpha} \wedge 1} \left(\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \right) \wedge Y$$

is an equivalence.

We end this section with a remark on cofiber sequence of smash product.

Proposition 3.7. Let $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{i} Z$ be a cofiber sequence (it is sufficient to consider morphisms of degree zero). Then

$$W \wedge X \xrightarrow{1 \wedge f} W \wedge Y \xrightarrow{1 \wedge i} W \wedge Z$$

is also a cofiber sequence.

Proof. [A] It suffices to check for the case in which $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ is the inclusion of a closed subspectrum, $i : Y \longrightarrow Z$ is the projection $Y \longrightarrow Y/X$ and $\wedge = \wedge_{BC}$. \square

❖ Spanier Whitehead Duality

If X is a compact subset embedded in S^n , then by Alexander duality theorem, we have

$$\tilde{H}^k(X) \cong \tilde{H}_{n-k-1}(S^n - X).$$

Let K be homotopy equivalent to $S^n - K$ for K a compact set embedded in S^n . We would like to prove that K determines the stable homotopy type of L . The homotopy type of L in general is not determined by K as it depends on the embedding of K .

Embed S^n as the equatorial sphere in S^{n+1} and embed the suspension ΣK of K in S^{n+1} by joining to the two poles. Then $S^{n+1} - \Sigma K \simeq S^n - K$. So if we have $K \subset S^n$ and $M \subset S^m$ and a homotopy equivalence $f : \Sigma^p K \rightarrow \Sigma^q M$, we can embed $\Sigma^p K$ in S^{n+p} and $\Sigma^q M$ in S^{m+q} , since the complements remain homotopy equivalent. So WLOG, we can say we have $K' \subset S^{n'}$ and $M' \subset S^{m'}$ and a homotopy equivalence $f : K' \rightarrow M'$. We can even assume f is piecewise linear.

Now suppose $K \subset S^n$ and embed S^n as an equatorial sphere in S^{n+1} without changing K . Then $S^{n+1} - K = \Sigma(S^n - K)$. Consider the join of two spheres in which $S^n * S^m \simeq S^{m+n+1}$, K and M are embedded, S^n and S^m respectively. We can embed the mapping cylinder M_c of f in the join. In this sphere we have

$$S^{m+n+1} - K = \Sigma^{m+1}(S^n - K)$$

$$S^{m+n+1} - M = \Sigma^{n+1}(S^m - M)$$

and two maps

$$S^{m+n+1} - K \xleftarrow{f} S^{m+n+1} - M_c \xrightarrow{g} S^{m+n+1} - M$$

But the injective maps

$$K \rightarrow M_c \leftarrow M$$

induce isomorphism of cohomology. The Alexander duality isomorphism is natural for inclusion maps and therefore f and g induce isomorphism of homology. We can suspend further to make everything simply connected. So by Whitehead's theorem, f and g are stable homotopy equivalences. Thus we've proved the assignment $K \mapsto L$ is well-defined, up to stable equivalence, for the suspension spectrum of K . The desuspension is made so that degrees are as expected.

Let X be CW spectrum. Consider the set $[W \wedge X, S]_0$. With X fixed this is a contravariant functor of W and this is now a Brown functor. So it is representable, say by X^* and there is a natural isomorphism

$$[W, X^*]_0 \xrightarrow{T} [W \wedge X, S]_0$$

Taking $W = X^*$ and the *id* map we see that there is a map $e : X \wedge X^* \rightarrow S$. Since T is natural it carries, $f \rightarrow X^*$ into $W \wedge X \xrightarrow{f \wedge 1} X^* \wedge X \xrightarrow{e} S$. We can then extend this isomorphism to maps of degree r

$$[W, X^*]_r \xrightarrow{T} [W \wedge X, S]_r$$

We can think of X^* as the dual. The dual X^* is a contravariant functor of X . If $g : X \rightarrow Y$ is a map, then it induces

$$[W, Y^*] \xrightarrow{(1 \wedge g)^*} [W, X^*]$$

and this natural transformation must be induced by a unique map $g^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$. We have the following commutative map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y^* \wedge X & \xrightarrow{1 \wedge g} & Y^* \wedge Y \\ g^* \wedge 1 \downarrow & & \downarrow e_Y \\ X^* \wedge X & \xrightarrow{e_X} & S \end{array}$$

Let Z be a spectrum, we can make a natural transformation

$$[W, Z \wedge X^*]_r \xrightarrow{T} [W \wedge X, Z]_r$$

as follows: Given $W \xrightarrow{f \wedge 1} Z \wedge X^*$ we take $W \wedge X \xrightarrow{f \wedge 1} Z \wedge X^* \wedge X \xrightarrow{1 \wedge e} Z$. Note that T is an isomorphism if $Z = S^n$.

Proposition 4.1. Suppose we have cofiber sequence $Z_1 \rightarrow Z_2 \rightarrow Z_3 \rightarrow Z_4 \rightarrow Z_5$ and T is an isomorphism for Z_1, Z_2, Z_4, Z_5 then it is an isomorphism for Z_3

Proof. The proof is a simple application of five lemma. □

Proposition 4.2. T is an isomorphism if Z is any finite spectrum.

Proof. We have a cofiber sequence,

$$S \rightarrow X \rightarrow (X \cup_f D) \rightarrow \Sigma S \rightarrow \Sigma X$$

We then proceed by induction and the previous remark. \square

Proposition 4.3. If W and X are finite spectra, then

$$T : [W, Z \wedge X^*]_r \rightarrow [W \wedge X, Z]_r$$

is an isomorphism for any spectrum Z .

Proof. I have to use direct limits. Writing an infinite spectra as direct limit of finite spectra. Not sure how to do it. \square

Lemma 4.4. If X is a finite spectrum then X^* is equivalent to a finite spectrum.

Proof. The proof involves homology theories of a spectra and is postponed till next chapter. \square

Proposition 4.5. Let X be a finite spectrum, Y any spectrum. Then we have an equivalence $(X \wedge Y)^* \xrightarrow{h} X^* \wedge Y^*$ which makes the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X \wedge Y)^* \wedge X \wedge Y & \xrightarrow{e_{X \wedge Y}} & S \\ \downarrow h \wedge 1 & & \uparrow e_X \wedge e_Y \\ X^* \wedge Y^* \wedge X \wedge Y & \xrightarrow{1 \wedge e \wedge 1} & X^* \wedge X \wedge Y^* \wedge Y \end{array}$$

Proof. By 4.4 we can assume that X^* is a finite spectrum. Then,

$$[W, X^* \wedge Y^*]_r \xrightarrow{T_Y} [W \wedge Y, X^*]_r$$

is an isomorphism for any spectrum W , and so is

$$[W \wedge Y, X^*]_r \xrightarrow{T_X} [W \wedge Y \wedge X, S]_r$$

by the original property of X^* applied to the spectrum $W \wedge Y$. This state of affairs reveals $X^* \wedge Y^*$ as the dual of $Y \wedge X$ with $T_{Y \wedge X} = T_X T_Y$. Writing this equation in terms of maps e , we obtain the desired. \square

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