

Eine Woche, ein Beispiel

1.9. simplicial set

Ref:

[sSet] http://www.math.uni-bonn.de/~schwede/sset_vs_spaces.pdf

[6-Fctor] <https://people.mpim-bonn.mpg.de/scholz/SixFunctors.pdf>

Some visual pictures can be seen here:

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/0809.4221.pdf>

Today: The category $sSet$ and $\partial\Delta^n, \Delta_i^n, sk^m X, \Delta^n/\partial\Delta^n, Hom(X, Y) \in Ob(sSet)$

Def $[n] = \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \quad n \geq 0$
 The simplex category Δ is defined by
 $Ob(\Delta) = \{[n] \mid n \geq 0\}$
 $Mor_{\Delta}([m], [n]) = \{f: [m] \rightarrow [n] \text{ weakly increasing}\}$
 The category of simplicial sets $sSet$ is defined by
 $sSet = Fun(\Delta^{op}, Set)$

Notation in $Mor(\Delta)$: $d_i^n: [n-1] \rightarrow [n]$ miss $i \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$
 $s_i^n: [n] \rightarrow [n-1]$ contracts i
 $\Delta \hookrightarrow sSet \quad [n] \mapsto \Delta^n = Mor_{\Delta}(-, [n])$
 e.p. $\Delta_k^n = Mor_{\Delta}([k], [n])$
 \uparrow read from down to top

Rmk. In Δ we don't have finite colimit, while in $sSet = Fun(\Delta^{op}, Set)$ we have finite colimit because Set is (complete +) cocomplete.

For a construction, see

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/3837844/limits-and-colimits-are-computed-pointwise-in-functor-categories>

Notice that

$$\partial\Delta^n, \Delta_i^n, sk^m \Delta^n, \Delta^n/\partial\Delta^n \in sSet - \Delta$$

Conclusion: $sSet$ is a Grothendieck topos.

It is Cartesian closed, complete and cocomplete.

Rmk. ([sSet]) If you have strong enough geometrical background, you will find out the adjoint pair

$$sSet \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{|-|} \\ \xleftarrow{S} \end{matrix} Top$$

quite useful, where

$$|X| := \left(\coprod_{n \geq 0} X_n \times \nabla^n \right) / \sim$$

$$S(A)_n := \text{Mor}_{Top}(\nabla^n, A)$$

$$\alpha^*: S(A)_n \longrightarrow S(A)_m \quad x \longmapsto x \circ S(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$$

$$S(\alpha): \nabla^m \rightarrow \nabla^n$$

Moreover, we have eqv/c of categories

$$sSet[weq^{-1}] \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{|-|} & Ho(Top_{CW}) \\ \xleftarrow{S} & \downarrow \\ & Top[weq^{-1}] \end{matrix}$$

where

Top_{CW} is the full subcategory of Top with objects the top spaces admitting a CW-cplx structure, and

$Ho(Top_{CW})$ is the homotopy category of CW cplxes.

Q: Do we have the following comm diag. (as eqv/c of categories)

$$\begin{matrix} sSet[weq^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{|-|} & Ho(Top_{CW}) \\ \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ An & \xleftarrow{S} & Top[weq^{-1}] \end{matrix}$$

Q: For $\mathcal{C} \in Cat_{\infty} \subseteq sSet$, how to view \mathcal{C} as a topo space?
e.p. compute $\pi_n(\mathcal{C})$?

Roughly, we have three ways to define/determine a simplicial set:

1. By writing down their def directly; brutal force
2. By universal property (pullback, pushforward, ...) abstract construction
3. By its geometrical realization name

Let us see how they're compatible with each other.

E.g.1 For $A \in \text{Top}$ discrete, define $X = \mathcal{S}(A)$, i.e.,

$$X_n = A \quad \alpha^* = \text{Id}_A \quad \forall \alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$$

$$|\mathcal{S}(A)| = \left(\coprod_k X_k \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim$$

$$\sim A \times \nabla^0$$

$$\sim A$$

E.g.2 $\Delta_k^n = \text{Mor}_\Delta([k], [n]) = \{x: [k] \rightarrow [n] \text{ weakly increasing}\}$

$$|\Delta^n| = \left(\coprod_k \Delta_k^n \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim$$

$$\sim (\Delta^n \times \nabla^n) / \sim$$

$$\sim \nabla^n$$

E.g.3 $\Delta_{(i)}^{n-1} := \text{Im}(d_i^n: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^n)$ in sSet

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta_{(i)}^{n-1})_k = \{x \in \Delta_k^n \mid \exists y \in \Delta_k^{n-1} \text{ s.t. } x = d_i^n \circ y\}$$

$$|\Delta_{(i)}^{n-1}| = \left(\coprod_k (\Delta_{(i)}^{n-1})_k \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim$$

$$\sim ((\Delta_{(i)}^{n-1})_{n-1}^{\text{nondeg}} \times \nabla^{n-1}) / \sim$$

$$\sim (\text{Sd}_i^n(\nabla^{n-1}))$$

Denote $|\Delta_{(i)}^{n-1}|$ by $\nabla_{(i)}^{n-1}$, i.e. $\nabla_{(i)}^{n-1} := \text{Im}(\text{Sd}_i^n: \nabla^{n-1} \rightarrow \nabla^n)$

E.g.4 $(\partial \Delta^n)_k = \{x \in \Delta_k^n \mid x \text{ is not surj}\}$

$$\partial \Delta^n = \bigcup_{i=0}^n \Delta_{(i)}^{n-1} = \text{colimit of } \dots$$

e.g. $\partial \Delta^2 = \left[\text{colimit of } \begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^0 & & \Delta^0 \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ \Delta^1 & & \Delta^1 \end{array} \right]$

$$|\partial \Delta^n| = \left(\coprod_k (\partial \Delta^n)_k \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim$$

$$\sim (\text{Mor}_\Delta^{\text{nondeg}}([n-1], [n]) \times \nabla^{n-1}) / \sim$$

$$\sim \left(\bigcup_{i=0}^n \text{Sd}_i^n(\nabla^{n-1}) \right) / \sim$$

$$= \bigcup_{i=0}^n \nabla_{(i)}^{n-1}$$

$$= \partial \nabla^n$$

Eg. 5. $(\Delta_i^n)_k = \{ x \in \Delta_k^n \mid x = \alpha^*(y) \text{ for some } y \in \Delta_{n-1}^n \text{ and } \alpha: [k] \rightarrow [n-1] \}$
 $y \neq d_i^n$

$$\Delta_i^n = \bigcup_{j \neq i} \Delta_{(j)}^{n-1} = \text{colimit of } \dots$$

e.g. $\Delta_i^2 = \left[\text{colimit of } \begin{array}{ccc} & \Delta^0 & \\ & \downarrow d_i' & \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{d_i'} & \Delta^1 \end{array} \right]$
 $= \Delta^1 \sqcup_{\Delta^0} \Delta^1$

ex. write down $(X \sqcup_Y Z)_k$ for $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{sSet}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_i^n| &= \left(\bigsqcup_k (\Delta_i^n)_k \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim \\ &\sim ((\Delta_i^n)_{n-1}^{\text{nondeg}} \times \nabla^{n-1}) / \sim \\ &\sim \left(\bigsqcup_{j \neq i} (Sd_j^n)(\nabla^{n-1}) \right) / \sim \\ &\sim \bigcup_{j \neq i} \nabla_{(j)}^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Eg. 6. $(sk^m \Delta^n)_k = \{ x \in \Delta_k^n \mid x = \alpha^*(y) \text{ for some } y \in \Delta_m^n \text{ and } \alpha: [k] \rightarrow [m] \}$

$$sk^m \Delta^n = \bigcup_{\beta: [m] \rightarrow [n]} \beta(\Delta^m) = \text{colimit of } \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} |sk^m \Delta^n| &= \left(\bigsqcup_k (sk^m \Delta^n)_k \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim \\ &\sim ((sk^m \Delta^n)_m^{\text{nondeg}} \times \nabla^m) / \sim \\ &\sim (Mor^{\text{nondeg}}([m], [n]) \times \nabla^m) / \sim \\ &\sim \bigcup_{\beta: [m] \rightarrow [n]} (S\beta)(\nabla^m) \end{aligned}$$

Eg. 7. $(\Delta^n / \partial \Delta^n)_k = \Delta_k^n / (\partial \Delta^n)_k = \Delta_k^n / \sim$

$$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x, y \in (\partial \Delta^n)_k \text{ or } x = y$$

Universal property:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \partial \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & \Delta^n / \partial \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & \searrow \text{contract to} & \searrow & & \downarrow \exists! & & \\ & \text{one pt} & & & X & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Delta^n / \partial \Delta^n| &= \left(\bigoplus_k (\Delta^n / \partial \Delta^n)_k \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim \\
&\sim ((\Delta^n / \partial \Delta^n)_{\text{nondeg}} \times \nabla^n) / \sim \\
&\sim \nabla^n / \sim \\
&\sim \nabla^n / \partial \nabla^n
\end{aligned}$$

Eq. 8. Define $X = \left[\text{colimit of } \Delta^1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{d_1^1} \\ \xleftarrow{-d_1^1} \\ \xrightarrow{d_0^1} \end{array} \Delta^2 \right]$

Eg. 9 $(\text{Hom}(X, Y))_n = \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(\Delta^n \times X, Y)$

$\alpha^*: \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(\Delta^n \times X, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(\Delta^m \times X, Y)$ for $\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$
 $\alpha: \Delta^m \rightarrow \Delta^n$

$$\text{sSet} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{- \times X} \\ \text{\textcolor{red}{\perp}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}(X, -)} \end{array} \text{sSet}$$

"Proof" $\text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(Z, \text{Hom}(X, Y)) \cong \left[\begin{array}{l} \{ g_m: Z_m \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(\Delta^m \times X, Y) \} \\ + \dots \\ \{ h_{m,k}: Z_m \times \Delta_k^m \times X_k \longrightarrow Y_k \} \\ + \dots \\ \{ h_k: Z_k \times X_k \longrightarrow Y_k \} \\ + \dots \\ \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(Z \times X, Y) \end{array} \right]$

Cor. $\text{Hom}(Z \times X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}(Z, \text{Hom}(X, Y))$

e.g. $\text{Hom}(\Delta^0, Y) \cong Y$ $(\text{Hom}(\Delta^n, Y))_m \cong (\text{Hom}(\Delta^m, Y))_n$
 $\text{Hom}(X, \Delta^0) \cong \Delta^0$ e.p. $(\text{Hom}(\Delta^n, Y))_0 \cong Y_n$

$$|\text{Hom}(X, Y)| = \left(\coprod_k \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(\Delta^k \times X, Y) \times \nabla^k \right) / \sim$$

$$= ?$$

Remaining: Compute $\# (\text{Hom}(\Delta^n, \Delta^m))_k$
 Compute $(\text{Hom}(\Delta^n / \Delta^n, Y))_k$. How is it related to Y_{k+n} or $\pi_n(|Y|)$?
 How to see the geometrical realization of $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$,
 e.p. in these examples?