

# Lecture 21

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Higher homotopy groups of Kan complexes.

For  $X$  a Kan complex =  $\infty$ -groupoid and  $x \in X_0$   $e_x^0 = x$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega(X, x) & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, X) = \text{Hom}(\Delta^1, X) \\ \downarrow \text{pullback} & & \downarrow (ev_0, ev_1) \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{(x, x)} & X \times X \end{array}$$

$\Omega(X, x)$  is a Kan complex.

$$1_x \in \Omega(X, x)_0 \quad e_x^1 = 1_x$$

$$\Omega^2(X, x) = \Omega(\Omega(X, x), 1_x)$$

for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\Omega^{n+1}(X, x) = \Omega(\Omega^n(X, x), e_x^n)$$

$$e_x^{n+1} = 1_{e_x^n}$$

Def:  $\Omega^n(X, x)$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  iterated loop space of  $X$ .

Remark: if  $C$  is an  $\infty$ -category with objects  $x, y \in C_0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C(x, y) & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, C) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, C) \\ \text{Kan complex} \downarrow \text{pullback} & & \text{Kan fib} \downarrow & \text{pullback} & \downarrow (ev_0, ev_1) \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{(x, y)} & C^{\simeq} \times C^{\simeq} & \longleftrightarrow & C \times C \end{array}$$

$\pi_0(C(x, y)) = \text{Hom}_{h_0(C)}(x, y)$

$C \mapsto h_0(C)$  is  
a functor  $\begin{matrix} C & \xrightarrow{f} & D \\ x, y & & \end{matrix}$   
 $\text{Hom}_{h_0(C)}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{h_0(D)}(f(x), f(y))$

Therefore  $\pi_0 \Omega(X, a) = \text{Hom}_{h_0(X)}(1, a)$  is a group

Def:  $\pi_n(X, a) = \pi_0(\Omega^n(X, a))$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

for  $n > 0$ ,  $\pi_n(X, a)$  is a group.

Goal of this week: prove

Theorem. A morphism of Kan complexes  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a weak homotopy equivalence if and only if the following conditions are verified:

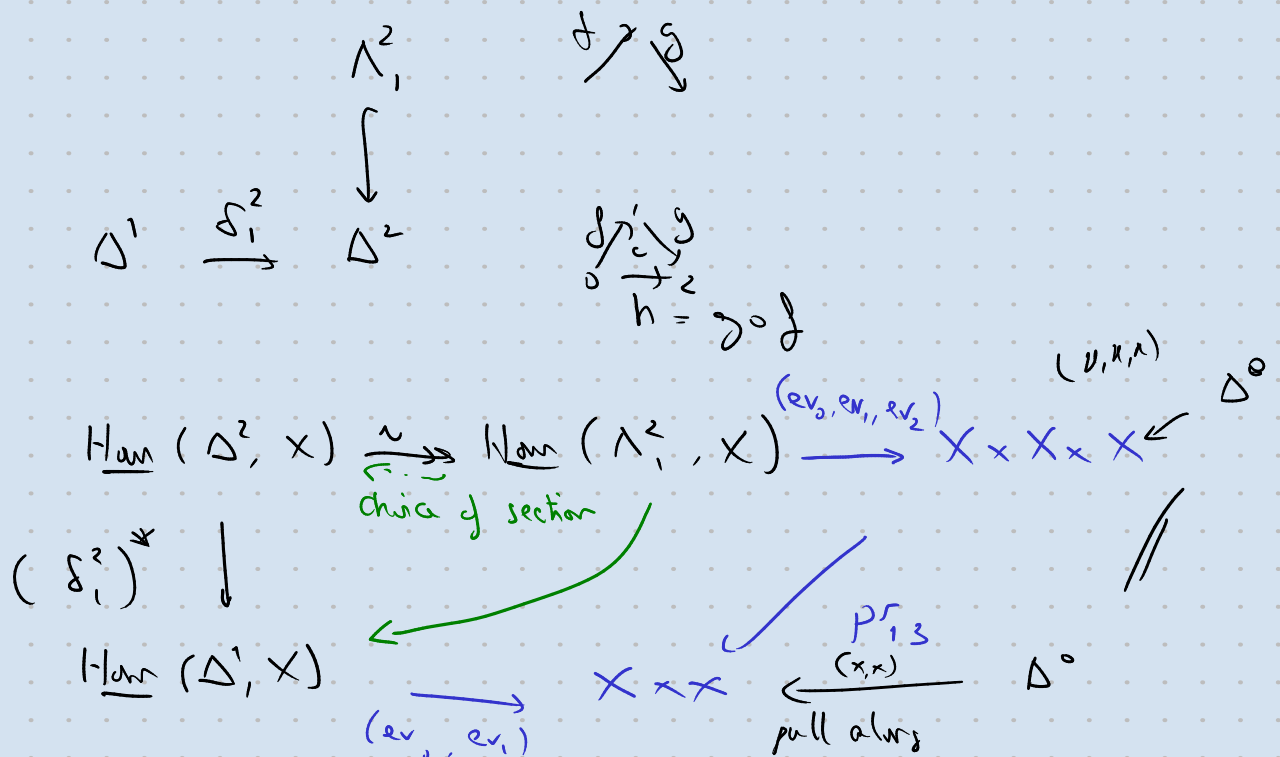
- 1)  $f$  induces a bijection  $\pi_0(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_0(Y)$
- 2)  $f$  induces isomorphisms of groups

$$\pi_n(X, a) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_n(Y, f(a))$$

for all  $a \in X_0$ .

Prop.  $\pi_n(X, a)$  is abelian for  $n > 1$ .

Proof.



pullback of  $(x, x, x)$  in  $\text{Hom}(\Delta^2, X)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} r(X, x) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \Omega(X, x) \times \Omega(X, x) \\ \downarrow (*) & \checkmark & \downarrow c_x \\ & & \Omega(X, x) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} r(-\Omega(X, x), e_x) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \Omega^2(X, x) \times \Omega^2(X, x) \\ \downarrow & \checkmark & \downarrow \\ \Omega^2(X, x) & \xrightarrow{c_{-\Omega(X, x)}} & \Omega^2(X, x) \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{apply } -\Omega \text{ to } (*) & & \\ \Omega(r(X, x)) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \Omega(\Omega(X, x) \times \Omega(X, x)) \\ & & \parallel \\ & & \Omega^2(X, x) \times \Omega^2(X, x) \\ \downarrow & \checkmark & \downarrow \\ \Omega^2(X, x) & \xrightarrow{c_x} & \Omega^2(X, x) \end{array}$$

$$\pi_2(X, x) \times \pi_2(X, x) \xrightarrow{\pi_0(c_{-\Omega(X, x)})} \pi_2(X, x) = \pi_0(-\Omega^2(X, x))$$

$$\pi_0(-\Omega^2(X, x) \times -\Omega^2(X, x)) \xrightarrow{\pi_0(-c_x)} \pi_0(-\Omega^2(X, x))$$

is a group homomorphism

for  $a, b \in \pi_2(X, x)$

$$a \circ b = \pi_0(-\Omega c_x)(a, b)$$

$$a \circ b = \pi_0(c_{-\Omega(X, x)})(a, b)$$

$(a, b) \mapsto a \circ b$  is the group structure on  $\pi_2(X, x)$ .

(composition of automorphisms of  $\pi_2$  in  $\text{ho}(X)$ )

Furthermore

$(a, b) \mapsto a \circ b$  is a group homomorphism because

$$(X, x) \mapsto \pi_1(X, x) = \pi_0(-\Omega(X, x)) \text{ is a functor from}$$

$$\{\text{Pointed Kan complexes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{groups}\}.$$

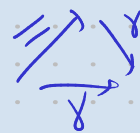
$$(a \circ b) \circ (c \circ d) = (a \circ c) \circ (b \circ d)$$

Let 1 be the neutral element of  $\pi_2(X, x)$

$$a \circ 1 = 1 \circ a = a \text{ for all } a$$

Claim:  $a \circ 1 = 1 \circ a = a$ .

Idea of proof:



$$\gamma \circ 1 = \gamma$$

$$s: \Lambda_1^2 \xleftrightarrow{\sigma_0^1} \Delta^2 \xrightarrow{\sigma_1^0} \Delta^1 \text{ has sections.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\text{Hom}}(\Delta^1, X) & \xrightarrow{(\sigma_1^0)^*} & \underline{\text{Hom}}(\Delta^2, X) \\ s^* \downarrow & \nearrow f & \downarrow \iota^2 \\ \underline{\text{Hom}}(\Lambda_1^2, X) & \xrightarrow{=} & \underline{\text{Hom}}(\Lambda_1^2, X) \end{array}$$

May choose  $c_X = f$ .  $\leadsto$  claim (exercise).  
 $a \circ 1 = a$

dualize the argument  $\leadsto 1 \circ a = a$ .

Compute: (Eckmann-Hilton argument):

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ b &= (a \circ 1) \circ (b \circ 1) \\ &= (a \circ 1) \circ (1 \circ b) \\ &= a \circ b \end{aligned}$$

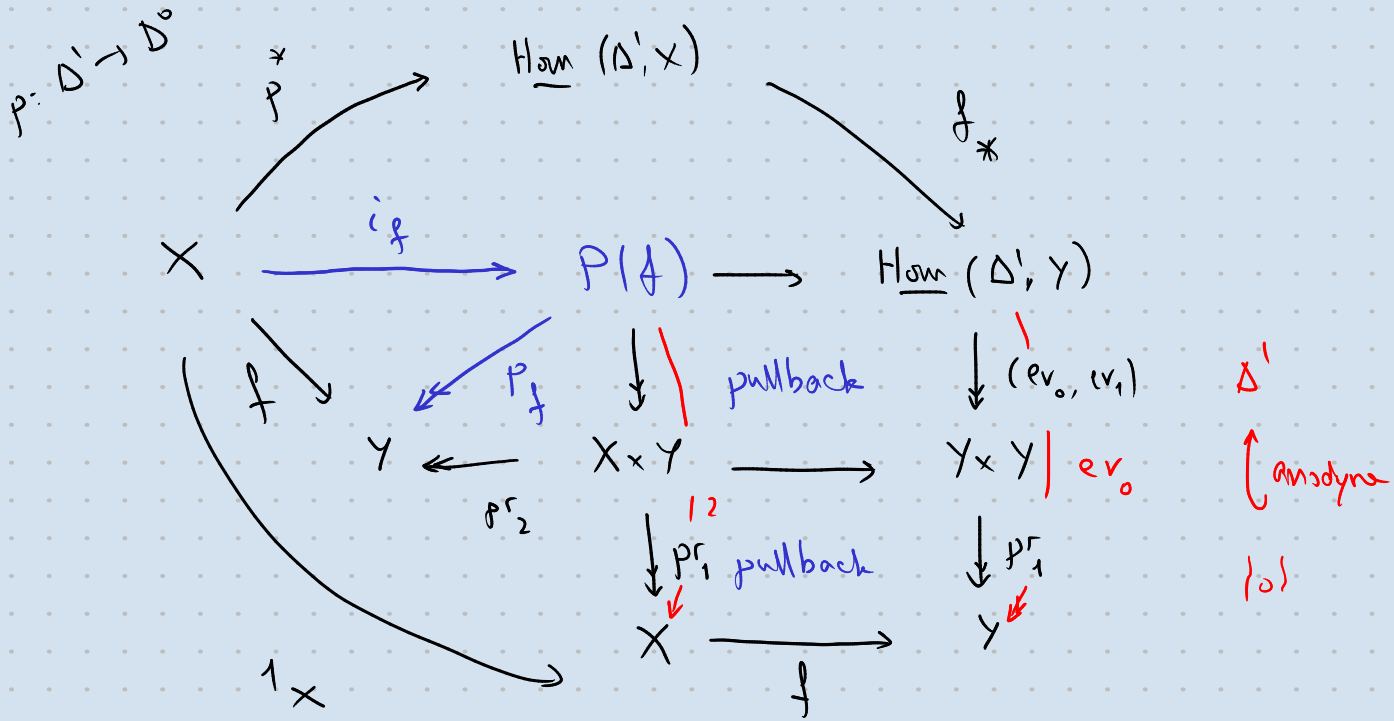
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## Famstop pullback squares.

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of Kan complexes.



Get the canonical factorization of  $f$

$$f = p_d i_f \text{ mth}$$

$P_f$  Kan fibration  
if section of a trivial  
fibration.

**Definition.** The homotopy fiber of  $f$  at a point  $y \in Y$ .

is defined as

$$X_y^h := p_f^{-1}(y)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_y & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \text{pullback} & \downarrow \\ X_y^h & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}(J) \\ \downarrow & \text{pullback} & \downarrow \rho_J \\ \mathcal{A}_0 & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

$$X_g \longrightarrow X_g^h$$

More generally, the homotopy pullback of  $f$  along some morphism of Kan complexes  $Z \rightarrow Y$  is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z \times_Y^h X & := & Z \times_Y P(f) \longrightarrow P(Y) \\ & & \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow P_f \\ & & Z \longrightarrow Y \end{array}$$

Observation: give  $x \in X_0$  with  $X$  Kan

$\Omega(X, x)$  is the homotopy fiber of  $\Delta^0 \xrightarrow{x} X$

Lemma.  $\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \searrow & \swarrow & \\ & S & \end{array}$  commutative triangle in sSet such that, for any  $\Delta^n \rightarrow S$

$\Delta^n \times_S X \rightarrow \Delta^n \times_S Y$  is a weak homotopy equivalence.

Then  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  is a weak homotopy equivalence.

Proof: exercise (all tools from last week).

Lemma. If  $q: X \rightarrow Y$  is a Kan fibration between Kan complexes, then, for any  $y \in Y_0$ , the induced map  $X_y \rightarrow X_y^h$  is a (weak) homotopy equivalence.

Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_y & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow i_q \\ X_y^h & \longrightarrow & P(q) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow P_q \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{y} & Y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Kan} \\ \text{Ker} \downarrow \end{array}$$

Definition. A commutative square of Kan complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{u} & X \\ g \downarrow & \begin{array}{c} \text{dashed } \downarrow \\ \text{blue } \downarrow \end{array} & \downarrow f \\ W & \xrightarrow{v} & Y \end{array}$$

$W \times_{P(f)} X \rightarrow P(g)$

is an **homotopy pullback square** if the induced map  
(or homotopy cartesian)

$$T \longrightarrow W \times_{P(f)} X = W \times_{P(g)} P(f).$$

is a (weak) homotopy equivalence

Prop. Any pullback square in sSet

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{u} & X \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ W & \xrightarrow{v} & Y \end{array}$$

in which all objects are Kan complexes and  $f, g$  are Kan fibrations is an homotopy pullback square -

Proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ s \downarrow \text{pullback} & & s \downarrow \\ W \times_{P(f)} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P(f) \\ \downarrow \text{pullback} & \text{Kan} \downarrow & \swarrow \text{Kan} \\ W & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

Proposition. Let 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{u} & X \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ W & \xrightarrow{v} & Y \end{array}$$
 be a commutative square in which all objects are Kan complexes.

The following assertions are equivalent:

- 1) the square is homotopy cartesian
- 2) for any factorization of  $f$  into a weak homotopy equivalence  $X \rightarrow Z$  and a Kan fibration  $Z \rightarrow Y$ , the map 
$$T \rightarrow W \times_Y Z$$
 is a weak homotopy equivalence.
- 3) for any factorization of  $v$  into a weak homotopy equivalence  $W \rightarrow Z$  and a Kan fibration  $Z \rightarrow Y$ , the induced map 
$$T \rightarrow Z \times_Y X$$
 is a weak homotopy equivalence.

- 4) 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{g} & W \\ u \downarrow & & \downarrow v \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$
 is a homotopy pullback square

- 5) for any  $w \in W_0$  and  $y = v(w)$

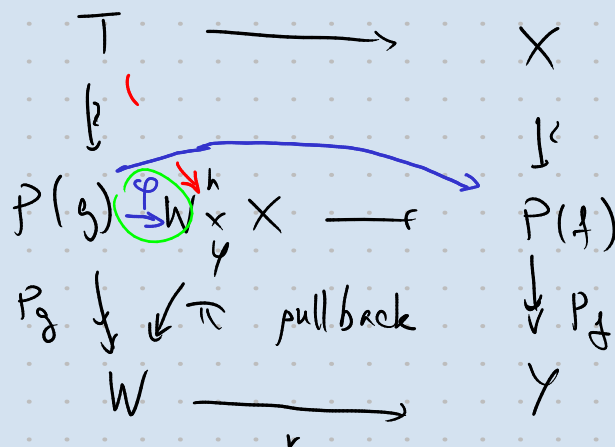
the canonical map

$$T_w^h \rightarrow X_y^h$$

is a weak homotopy equivalence.



Proof. 1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  5).

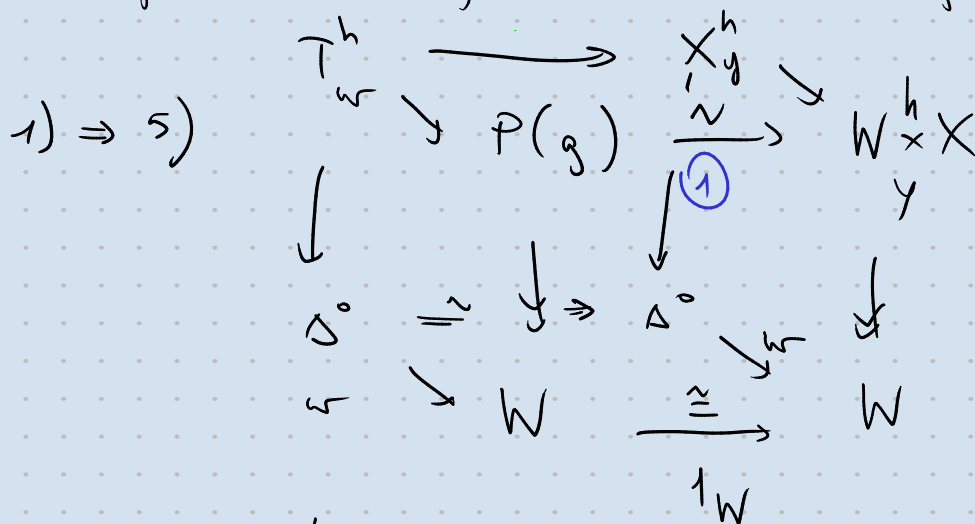


1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  map  $\xrightarrow{\text{red}}$  is a weak htpy equiv.  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  map  $\xrightarrow{\text{blue } \varphi}$  is a weak htpy equiv.

observe that for  $w \in W_0$  and  $y = v(w)$

$$P_g^{-1}(w) = T_w^h \longrightarrow \pi^{-1}(w) \cong P_f^{-1}(y) = X_y^h$$

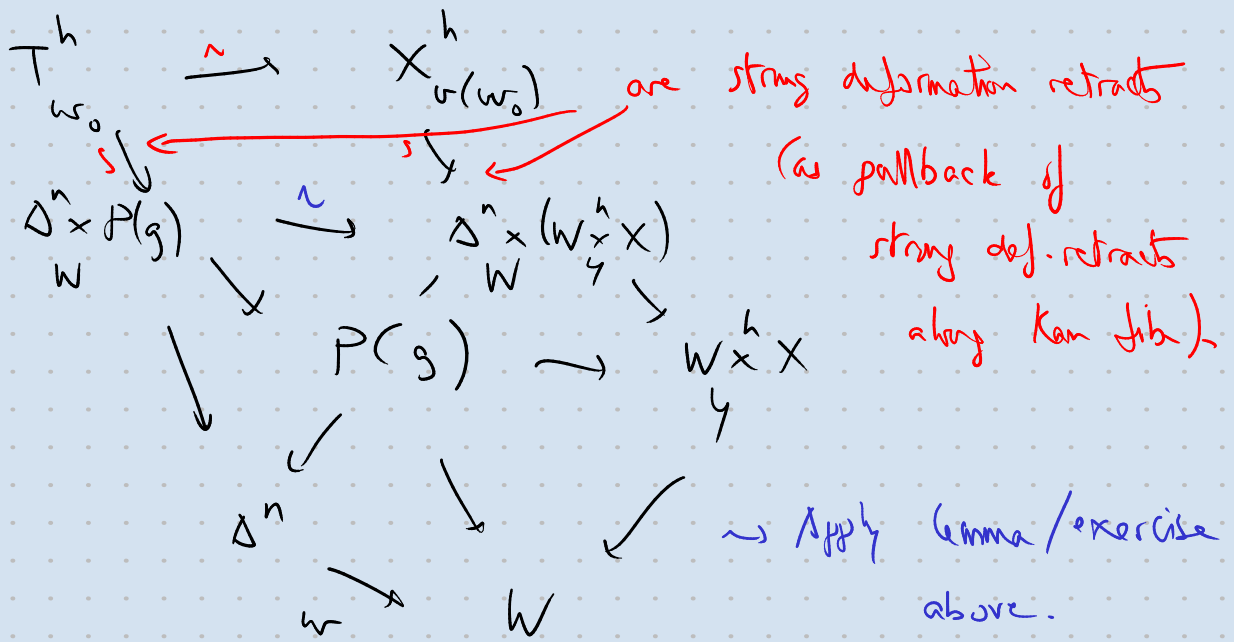
5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  map  $\xrightarrow{\text{blue } \varphi}$  is fiberwise weak homotopy equivalence



$$\Rightarrow T_w^h \xrightarrow{\sim} X_y^h \quad (\text{cube lemma}).$$

5  $\Rightarrow$  1) Assume  $\varphi$  fiberwise weak htpy equiv.  
 Consider  $w: \Delta^n \rightarrow W$ ,

$$\leadsto w(0) = w_0 \in W_0.$$



$$\text{Fun}(\square, \text{Set})$$

$$[ ] = [1] \times [1]$$

$$(0,0) \rightarrow (0,1)$$

$$\sqsubset \subset \square$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(1,0) \rightarrow (1,1)$$

$$\sqsubset = \{ (0,1), (1,0), (1,1) \}$$

$$\rightarrow \downarrow$$

$H_0(\text{Fun}(\sqsubset, \text{Set})) =$  invert formally levelwise weak homotopy equivalences.

Exercise (optional):  $\text{Fun}(\sqsubset, \text{Set}) = \hat{A}$

$$A = \sqsubset^{op} \times \Delta$$

Define an homotopy theory on  $\hat{A}$   
(interval  $I, S$ )

so that  $(I, S)$ -fibrations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \rightarrow & X_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 Y_0 & \rightarrow & Y_1 \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 Z_0 & \rightarrow & Z_1
 \end{array} \right\} \text{ such that } \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 Y_0 \rightarrow Y_1 \text{ Kan fib} \\
 X_0 \rightarrow Y_0 \times_{Y_1} X_1 \text{ and } Z_0 \rightarrow Y_0 \times_{Y_1} Z_1 \\
 \text{Kan fib}
 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Delta' \\
 \downarrow \\
 \Delta' \rightarrow \Delta' \\
 \downarrow \\
 \Delta'
 \end{array} = I$$

$(I, S)$ -anodyne extensions  
= levelwise anodyne maps

and weak equiv. = levelwise weak homotopy equivalence.

$$\mathrm{Ho}(\hat{A}) = \mathrm{Ho}(\mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}) & \xrightarrow{\exists!} & \mathrm{Ho}(\mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set})) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set} & \xrightarrow{\text{constant}} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}) \\ \times & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \begin{array}{c} \times \\ \parallel \\ \times \end{array} \\ & & \times \xrightarrow{=} \times \end{array}$$

On the other hand there is a functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \cancel{\mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set} \\ \text{Kan} & & \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} \times \\ \downarrow \delta \\ W \xrightarrow{\quad} Y \end{array} \right) & \mapsto & W \times_h Y \end{array}$$

which sends levelwise weak homotopy equivalences  
to weak homotopy equivalences ("cube lemma" of bK theory)

→ get a well defined functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Ho}(\mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set})) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}) \\ \cong & & \cong \\ \mathrm{Ho}(\mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \cancel{\mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}})) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}) \\ \text{Kan} & & \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} \times \\ \parallel \\ W \xrightarrow{\quad} Y \end{array} \right) & \mapsto & W \times_h Y \end{array} \quad \cong \mathrm{Ho}(\mathrm{Kan})$$

One can show that this provides a right adjoint  
to the constant functor

$$\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{S}\mathrm{Set}))$$

## Consequence of Whitehead Thm:

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  between Kan complexes

i) equiv.

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi_0(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_0(Y) \\ \text{and } \forall x \in X_0 \quad \Omega(X, x) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega(Y, y) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{full, fullness.} \\ y = f(x) \\ \text{is an equiv.} \\ \Omega(X, x) \rightarrow \Omega(Y, y) \end{array}$$











