

simplicial identities:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{n-2} & \xrightarrow{d_i} & \Delta^{n-1} \\ \downarrow d_j & & \downarrow d_{j-1} \\ \Delta^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_i} & \Delta^n \end{array} \quad (i < j)$$

we have a coequalizer

$$\bigsqcup_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} \Delta^{n-2} \xrightarrow[d_j]{d_i} \bigsqcup_{i=0}^n \Delta^{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_i} \partial \Delta^n. \quad (*)$$

Now we show $|X|$ is CW.

$$\text{Let } sk_n X = \bigcup_{i \leq n} X_i.$$

Then $X = \bigcup sk_n X$, and we have pushouts

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigsqcup_{x \in NX_n} \partial \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & sk_{n-1} X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bigsqcup_{x \in NX_n} \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & sk_n X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } NX_n &= \{ \text{nondegenerate } n\text{-simplices} \} \\ &= \{ x \in X_n : x \neq s_i y \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq n-1, y \in X_{n-1} \} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the realization of Δ^n is the usual topological simplex $| \Delta^n |$, since $\Delta \downarrow \Delta^n$ has terminal obj $1: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$. By (*), we get coequalizer in Top

$$\bigsqcup_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} | \Delta^{n-2} | \rightrightarrows \bigsqcup_{i=0}^n | \Delta^{n-1} | \rightarrow | \partial \Delta^n |$$

so $| \partial \Delta^n | \rightarrow | \Delta^n |$ maps into the $(n-1)$ -sphere bounding $| \Delta^n |$.

so $|X|$ is filtered colim of $|sk_n X|$, which is obtained from $|sk_{n-1} X|$ by attaching n -cells according to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigsqcup_{x \in NX_n} | \partial \Delta^n | & \longrightarrow & |sk_{n-1} X| \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bigsqcup_{x \in NX_n} | \Delta^n | & \longrightarrow & |sk_n X| \end{array} \quad \square$$