

# Functionality of $\theta \mapsto \theta_*$ :

- $\text{id}_n : (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n)$

$$J \\ (\text{id}_n)_* = \text{id}_{|\Delta^n|} \quad \text{clear.}$$

- $f : (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow m)$ ,  $g : (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow m) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p)$

$$\rightsquigarrow (g \circ f)_*(t_0 \dots t_n) = (u_0 \dots u_p) \text{ where } u_i = \sum_{k \in (g \circ f)^{-1}(i)} t_k \\ = \sum_{k \in f^{-1}(g^{-1}(i))} t_k \\ = \sum_{j \in g^{-1}(i)} s_j \text{ where } s_j = \sum_{k \in f^{-1}(j)} t_k \\ \text{i.e. } f_*(t_0 \dots t_n) = (s_0 \dots s_m) \\ = g_* (s_0 \dots s_m) \\ = g_* \circ f_* (t_0 \dots t_n) \quad \square.$$

$T$  top. spaces  $\rightsquigarrow$  singular set  $S(T) : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

$$\text{given by } (0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n) \mapsto \text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(|\Delta^n|, T)$$

functoriality: recall singular homology.

important morphisms in  $\Delta$ : .  $d^i : n+1 \rightarrow n \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$ .

$$(0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n+1) \mapsto (0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i-1 \rightarrow i+1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n).$$

.  $s^j : n+1 \rightarrow n \quad 0 \leq j \leq n$

$$(0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n+1) \mapsto (0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow j \xrightarrow{j+1} j \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n).$$

"coface"  
image is  $i^{\text{th}}$  face

"codegeneracy"  
image is  $j^{\text{th}}$  degeneracy

"cosimplicial identities":

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d^{j+1}d^i = d^i d^{j+1} \\ sd^i = d^{i-1}s^{i-1} \\ s^j d^i = 1 = s^j d^{i+1} \\ s^j d^i = d^{i-1} s^j \\ s^i s^j = s^j s^{i+1} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} i < j \\ i < j \\ i < j \\ i > j+1 \\ i \leq j \end{array}$$

$i < j \rightarrow$  e.g. deleting two vertices

$\Delta$  is wholly determined by the  $d^i, s^i$  subject to these relations.

So a simplicial set is determined by sets  $(Y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

with maps (faces)  $d_i : Y_n \rightarrow Y_{n-1}$

(degeneracies)  $s_j : Y_n \rightarrow Y_{n+1}$

s.t.  $d_i d_j = d_{j-1} d_i \quad \text{if } i < j$

$d_i s_j = s_{j-1} d_i \quad \text{if } i < j$

$d_j s_j = 1 = d_{j+1} s_j$

$d_i s_j = s_j d_{i-1} \quad \text{if } i > j+1$

$s_i s_j = s_{j+1} s_i \quad \text{if } i \leq j$

for  $S(T)$ ,  $d_i$  is restriction to  $i^{\text{th}}$  face

$s_j$  is collapsing two vertices together

# Homology (!)

$\gamma: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  simplicial set.

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 $\mathbb{Z}\gamma: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  simplicial ab gp

by  $\mathbb{Z}\gamma_n = \text{free ab gp on } \gamma_n$   
choose  $d_i, s_j$  by freeness.

$\downarrow$   
chain complex "Moore".

$\mathbb{Z}\gamma_0 \xleftarrow{\partial_0} \mathbb{Z}\gamma_1 \xleftarrow{\partial_1} \mathbb{Z}\gamma_2 \xleftarrow{\partial_2} \dots$   
where  $\partial_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} (-1)^j d_j$ . ( $\partial^2 = 0$  by simplicial identities)

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homology  $H_n(\gamma; \mathbb{Z})$  of  $\gamma$ .

• if  $T \in \text{Top}$ ,  $H_n(T; \mathbb{Z}) = H_n(S(T); \mathbb{Z})$ .

more generally,  $\mathbb{Z}\gamma \otimes A$  (chain complex)  $\rightsquigarrow H_n(\gamma, A) := H_n(\mathbb{Z}\gamma \otimes A)$ .  
 $\downarrow$  Ab gp.