

simplicial identities:

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

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

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

where  $NX_n = \{ \text{nondegenerate } n\text{-simplices} \}$

$$= \{ x \in X_n : x \neq s_i y \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq n-1, y \in X_{n-1} \}$$

clearly the realization of  $\Delta^n$  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

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

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 weaks according to

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