

Kan Seminar Talk1

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1.B $K(G, 1)$ Spaces and Graphs of Groups

A path-connected space whose fundamental group is isomorphic to G and has a contractible universal covering space is a $K(G, 1)$ space.

$$\mathbb{R}P^\infty = K(\mathbb{Z}_2, 1) = S^\infty/\mathbb{Z}_2.$$

We can also construct

$$(z_1, z_2, \dots) \mapsto e^{2\pi i/m}(z_1, z_2, \dots) \tag{1}$$

to obtain $K(\mathbb{Z}_m, 1)$.

$$K(G, 1) \times K(H, 1) = K(G \times H, 1).$$

Theorem. The homotopy type of a CW complex $K(G, 1)$ is uniquely determined by G .

4.E The Brown Representability Theorem

Theorem. Every reduced cohomology theory on the category of basepointed CW complexes and basepoint-preserving maps has the form $h^n(X) = \langle X, K_n \rangle$ for some Ω -spectrum $\{K_n\}$.