

# A note on CW complexes and homotopy theory

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# 0 Basic Definitions and Lemmas

**Definition 0.1.** A **CW-complex** is a space constructed by successively attaching cells:  
 For  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0$ , there are maps  $\{\varphi_i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow X^{n-1}\}_{i \in I_n}$  (called characteristic maps). The way to construct  $X^n$  (called  $n$ -skeleton of  $X$ ) is :  
 (starting from  $X^{-1} = \emptyset$ , if we start from  $X^{-1} = A$ , we say  $(X, A)$  is a **relative CW-complex**)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_{i \in I_n} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\coprod_{i \in I_n} \varphi_i} & X^{n-1} \\ \downarrow & \searrow \tau & \downarrow \\ \coprod_{i \in I_n} D^n & \longrightarrow & X^n \end{array} \quad (\text{pushout})$$

and the resulting CW-complex  $X$  is  $\varinjlim \{X^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X^n \rightarrow X^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots\}$ . The images of  $\overset{\circ}{D}_i^n$  in  $X$  is called open cell  $e_i^n$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 0.2.**  $A$  is a subcomplex of CW-complex  $X$  iff for any open cell  $e_i^n$  of  $X$ ,  $A$  satisfy:  
 $A \cap e_i^n \neq \emptyset \implies e_i^n \subseteq A$ .  
 Pair of  $X$  and subcomplex  $A$  :  $(X, A)$  is called a CW-pair.

**Definition 0.3.** The Infinite Symmetric Product of a pointed space  $(X, x_0)$  is colimit of its  $n$ -th Symmetric Products ( $\text{SP}^n X := (\prod_{\{0,1,\dots,n-1\}} X)/S_n$ ) :

$$\varinjlim \{ \dots \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^n X \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^{n+1} X \hookrightarrow \dots \}$$

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \mapsto \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

**Definition 0.4.** For  $n \geq 1$ , a map between pairs  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is an  $n$ -equivalence if:

- $f_*^{-1}(\text{Im}(\pi_0 B \rightarrow \pi_0 Y)) = \text{Im}(\pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 X)$
- For all choices of basepoint  $a$  in  $A$ ,

$$f_* : \pi_q(X, A, a) \rightarrow \pi_q(Y, B, f(a))$$

is isomorphism for  $1 \leq q \leq n-1$  and epimorphism for  $q = n$ .

**Definition 0.5.** A pair  $(X, A)$  of topological spaces is  **$n$ -connected** if  $\pi_0(A) \rightarrow \pi_0(X)$  is surjection and  $\pi_q(X, A) = 0$  for  $1 \leq q \leq n$ .

**Definition 0.6.** For topological spaces  $A \hookrightarrow X$ ,  $A$  is a **strong deformation retract** of a neighborhood  $V$  in  $X$  if:

$\exists h : V \times I \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\forall x \in V, h(x, 0) = x$$

$$h(V, 1) \subseteq A$$

$$\forall (a, t) \in A \times I, h(a, t) = a$$

**Definition 0.7.** For topological spaces  $i : A \hookrightarrow X$ ,  $A$  is a **deformation retract** of  $X$  if:

$\exists h : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\forall x \in X, h(x, 0) = x$$

$$h(X, 1) = A$$

$$\forall (a, t) \in A \times I, h(a, t) = a$$

(That is, there are retraction  $r : X \rightarrow A$  and homotopy  $h : \text{id}_X \simeq i \circ r \text{ rel } A$ )

And  $r := h(-, 1)$  is called a **deformation retraction**.

**Definition 0.8.** For topological spaces  $A \hookrightarrow X$ , a neighborhood  $V$  of  $A$  is **deformable** to  $A$  if:

$\exists h : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\forall x \in X, h(x, 0) = x$$

$$h(A \times I) \subseteq A, h(V \times I) \subseteq V.$$

$$h(V, 1) \subseteq A$$

**Definition 0.9.** For a topological group  $G$ , a **relative  $G$ -(equivariant) CW-complex**  $(X, A)$  is a space constructed by successively attaching  **$G$ -equivariant cells**  $G/H \times D^n$  on a  $G$ -space  $A$ : For  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0$ , there are maps  $\{\varphi_i : G/H_i \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow X^{n-1}\}_{i \in I_n}$  (called characteristic maps) where each  $H_i$  is closed subgroup of  $G$  and  $G$  acts trivially on  $D^n, S^{n-1}$ . The way to construct  $X^n$  (called  $n$ -skeleton of  $X$ ) is:  
(starting from  $X^{-1} = A$  where  $A$  is an  $G$ -space)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_{i \in I_n} (G/H_i \times S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\coprod_{i \in I_n} \varphi_i} & X^{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \coprod_{i \in I_n} (G/H_i \times D^n) & \xrightarrow{\coprod_{i \in I_n} \phi_i} & X^n \end{array} \quad (\text{pushout in category of } G\text{-spaces})$$

The resulting  $X$  is  $\varinjlim \{X^{-1} \rightarrow X^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X^n \rightarrow X^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots\}$ . The images of  $G/H_i \times \overset{\circ}{D}_i^n$  in  $X$  is called open  $n$ -cell of type  $G/H_i$ .  $\phi_i$  is called the attaching map and  $\varphi_i(G/H_i \times S^{n-1})$  is called the boundary of  $\phi_i(G/H_i \times D^n)$ . If  $A = \emptyset$ , then  $X$  is called a  **$G$ -(equivariant) CW-complex**.

A criterion of weak homotopy equivalence:

**Lemma 0.1.** *The following on a map  $e : Y \rightarrow Z$  and any fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  are equivalent:*

1. For any  $y \in Y$ ,  $e_* : \pi_q(Y, y) \rightarrow \pi_q(Z, e(y))$  is monomorphism for  $q = n$  and is epimorphism for  $q = n + 1$ .
2. (HELP of  $(D^{n+1}, S^n)$ ) Given maps  $f : D^{n+1} \rightarrow Z, g : S^n \rightarrow Y$  and homotopy  $h : f \circ i \simeq e \circ g$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow h & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

then we have extension  $g^+ : D^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$  of  $g$  and  $h^+ : f \simeq e \circ g^+$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

$h^+$

3. Conclusion above holds when the given  $h$  is  $id_{f \circ i}$ .

**Proof.** Trivially 2. implies 3.

Our first goal : 3. implies 1.

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\pi_n(e)$  is monomorphism:

For  $n = 0$ , 3. says if we have path  $e(y) \simeq e(y')$  then we have path  $y \simeq y'$ . That is to say  $e$  can not map two path-connected component to one.

For  $n > 0$ , 3. says if  $e \circ g$  is nullhomotopic, then  $g : S^n \rightarrow Y$  could be extend to  $g^+ : D^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$ , which can be used to construct nullhomotopy of  $g$ .

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\pi_{n+1}(e)$  is epimorphism:

For  $[f] \in \pi_{n+1}(Z, e(y)) \cong [D^{n+1}, S^n; Z, e(y)]$ , let  $g := s \mapsto y$ , the extension  $g^+$  satisfy  $e_*([g^+]) = [f]$ , that proves  $e_*$  is epimorphism.

Second goal : 1. implies 2.

Fix  $g, f, h$  in the condition of 2. first. And observe that  $\pi_n(Y, y) = [S^n, *, Y, y]$ ,  $\pi_{n+1}(Y, y) = [D^{n+1}, S^n, Y, y]$ .

There is a map  $f' : (D^{n+1}, S^n) \rightarrow Z$  homotopic to  $f$  defined by  $f' = f \circ b(-, 1)$  where

$$b : CS^n \times I \rightarrow CS^n$$

$$((x, t), s) \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 1 - 2t)} & t \leq \frac{s}{2} \\ \overline{(x, \frac{t-s/2}{1-s/2})} & t \geq \frac{s}{2} \end{cases}$$

(recall that  $D^{n+1} \simeq CS^n$ ) Therefore we can replace  $f$  with  $f'$ . Using the epimorphism leads to  $h' : e \circ g^{+'} \simeq f'$ , using the monomorphism leads to  $r : g^{+'} \circ i \simeq g$ . Construct  $g^+ := a(-, 1)$  using

$$a : CS^n \times I \rightarrow Z$$

$$((x, t), s) \mapsto \begin{cases} r(x, s - 2t) & t \leq \frac{s}{2} \\ g^{+'}(x, \frac{t-s/2}{1-s/2}) & t \geq \frac{s}{2} \end{cases}$$

And that is the end of the proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D^{n+1} \\ \downarrow & \searrow b \quad \swarrow f' & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \end{array}$$

$\swarrow h' \quad \nwarrow$

□

# 1 Right Notion For Spaces

**Theorem 1.1.** *Homotopy Extension and Lifting property:*

$A$  : a topological space

$X$  : result of successively attaching cells on  $A$  of dimensions  $0, 1, \dots, k$  ( $k \leq n$ )

$e : Y \rightarrow Z$  :  $n$ -equivalence

$g : A \rightarrow Y, f : X \rightarrow Z$

$h : f|_A \simeq e \circ g$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \hookrightarrow & X \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow h & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

Then there exists  $g^+ : X \rightarrow Y$  extends  $g$  ( $g^+|_A = g$ )

and  $h^+ : X \times I \rightarrow Z$  extends  $h$ ,  $h^+ : f \simeq e \circ g^+$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \hookrightarrow & X \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

$\swarrow h^+ \quad \nwarrow$

**Proof.** It suffices to prove the case  $A = S^{k-1}, X = D^k$ ,  $e$  is inclusion. (replace  $Z$  by  $M_e$ ) Apply HEP of  $(D^k, S^{k-1})$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S^{k-1} & \longrightarrow & D^k \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
S^{k-1} \times I & \longrightarrow & D^k \times I \\
& \searrow h & \nearrow \hat{h} \\
& & Z
\end{array}
\quad \begin{array}{l} f \\ \end{array}$$

$f' := \hat{h}(-, 1)$ , replace  $f$  with  $f'$  the diagram would be strictly commute. Therefore,  $f'$  is map of pairs  $(D^k, S^{k-1}) \rightarrow (Z, Y)$ ,  $k \leq n$  implies  $f'$  is nullhomotopic, suppose  $h^+ : D^k \times I \rightarrow Z$  is the nullhomotopy, then  $g^+ := h^+(-, 1)$  satisfy  $g^+(D^k) \subseteq Y$ .

□

*Note.* In HELP, at condition  $Y = Z$  and  $e = \text{id}$ , HELP says  $(X, A)$  have HEP

**Corollary 1.2.** *If*

$A$  : a topological space

$X$  : result of successively attaching cells on  $A$  of any dimensions

Then,  $(X, A)$  have HEP.

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $X$  is an CW-complex,  $e : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an  $n$ -equivalence, Then  $e_* : [X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Z]$  is a bijection if  $\dim X < n$ , and a surjection if  $\dim X = n$ . (Also valid for pointed case)*

**Proof.** Surjectivity:

Apply HELP of  $(X, \emptyset)$  ( $(X, x_0)$  for pointed case) to obtain  $e_*[g^+] \simeq [f]$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\emptyset & \longrightarrow & X \\
\downarrow & \nearrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\
Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z
\end{array}$$

Injectivity ( $\dim X < n$ ):

Suppose  $[g_0], [g_1] \in [X, Y]$ ,  $e_*[g_0] = e_*[g_1]$ .

Let  $f : e \circ g_0 \simeq e \circ g_1$  Apply HELP to  $(X \times I, X \times \partial I)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \times \partial I & \longrightarrow & X \times I \\
\downarrow g & \nearrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\
Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z
\end{array}$$

□

**Corollary 1.4.** *If  $X$  is a CW-complex,  $e : Y \rightarrow Z$  is weak homotopy equivalence, then  $e_* : [X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Z]$  is bijection.*

## 1.1 CW-approximation

This subsection shows that CW-complexes encode all weak-homotopy types of **TOP**.

**Definition 1.1.** A **CW-approximation** of  $(X, A) \in \mathbf{Top}(2)$  is a CW-pair  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{A})$  and a weak homotopy equivalence of pairs  $\varphi : (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) \rightarrow (X, A)$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** (*Existence of CW-approximation*) *If  $X$  is path-connected pointed space (0-connected), then there is a CW-approximation  $(\tilde{X}, *) \xrightarrow{\phi} (X, *)$ . If  $X$  is  $n$ -connected then  $\tilde{X}$  could be chosen to satisfy  $\tilde{X}^n = *$ . (Moreover, each characteristic map of  $X$  is pointed)*

**Proof.** If  $X$  is  $n$ -connected, then  $\phi_n : Y^n := * \rightarrow X$  is  $n$ -equivariance. Assume inductively that we already have  $m$ -equivalence  $Y^m \xrightarrow{\phi_m} X$  ( $m \geq n$ ). Our goal is construct  $Y^{m+1}$  and  $\phi_{m+1} : Y^{m+1} \rightarrow X$ .

Let

$$f_m^+ : \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \rightarrow \ker(\phi_{m*}) \subseteq \pi_m(Y^m)$$

be a free resolution of  $\ker(\phi_{m*})$  ( $\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$  if  $m = 1$ ), and obtain a (unique up to homotopy) map  $f_m : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^m \rightarrow Y^m$  defined by  $f_m|_{S_a^m} := k_a$  where  $[k_a] = f_m^+(1_a) \in [S^m, Y^m]_*$ . We have: (since  $[\phi_m \circ f_m] = 0$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^m & \xrightarrow{f_m} & Y^m & \longrightarrow & C_{f_m} \\ & & \searrow \phi_m & & \downarrow \varphi_{m+1} \\ & & & & X \end{array}$$

$C_{f_m}$  is a CW-complex with  $\dim = n + 1$  with  $m$ -skeleton  $Y^m$ .  $\varphi_{m+1*} : \pi_m(C_{f_m}) \rightarrow \pi_m(X)$  is isomorphism, but  $\varphi_{m+1*} : \pi_{m+1}(C_{f_m}) \rightarrow \pi_{m+1}(X)$  is not necessarily an epimorphism.

Define the set  $B := \pi_{m+1}(X) - \varphi_{m+1*}(\pi_{m+1}(C_{f_m}))$  and  $Y^{m+1} := C_{f_m} \vee (\bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^{m+1})$ .

Define  $\phi^{m+1}$  by  $\phi^{m+1}|_{C_{f_m}} := \varphi_{m+1}$  and  $\phi^{m+1}|_{S_b^{m+1}} := r_b$  where  $[r_b] = b \in [S^{m+1}, X]_*$ .

$\tilde{X} := \varinjlim_m \{Y^0 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Y^m \hookrightarrow Y^{m+1} \hookrightarrow \dots\}$ , and  $\phi = \varinjlim_m \phi_m$

If  $X$  is not path-connected, construct CW-approximation for each path-connected component.  $\square$

*Note.* The proof of existence of CW-approximation uses homotopy excision theorem (CW-triad version). Proof of CW-triad version does not need CW-approximation. There is no circular argument.

**Proposition 1.6.** For any pair  $(X, A)$ , there exists CW-approximation  $\phi : (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) \rightarrow (X, A)$ .

**Proof.** Construct  $\phi_A : \tilde{A} \rightarrow A$  first and use analogue method in proof of theorem 1.5 with  $Y^0 := \tilde{A}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.7.**  $\varphi, \psi$  are CW-approximations of  $X, Y$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X \\ \exists \tilde{f} \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \downarrow f \\ \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & Y \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy, and  $\tilde{f}$  is unique up to homotopy.

**Proof.** Directly from  $\psi_* : [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}] \rightarrow [\tilde{X}, Y]$  is bijection.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.8.**  $\varphi, \psi$  are CW-approximations of  $(X, A), (Y, B)$ ,  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ , then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & (X, A) \\ \exists \tilde{f} \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \downarrow f \\ (\tilde{Y}, \tilde{B}) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & (Y, B) \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy, and  $\tilde{f}$  is unique up to homotopy.

**Proof.** Apply Lemma 1.7 to obtain map  $\tilde{f}_A : \tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$  and homotopy  $h : \psi|_{\tilde{B}} \circ \tilde{f}_A \simeq f \circ \varphi|_{\tilde{A}}$ . Use HELP of  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{A})$  to extend it:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{A} & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{X} \\
 \tilde{f}_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \tilde{B} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & X \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \tilde{Y} & \longrightarrow & Y
 \end{array}$$

$\psi_*$  is bijection implies the uniqueness up to homotopy of  $\tilde{f}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.9.** (*Whitehead's Theorem*)

*Every  $n$ -equivalence between CW-complexes whose dimension is lower than  $n$ , is homotopy equivalence. Every weak homotopy equivalence between CW-complexes is homotopy equivalence.*

**Proof.**  $e : Y \rightarrow Z$  induce bijections  $[Y, Y] \rightarrow [Y, Z]$  and  $[Z, Y] \rightarrow [Z, Z]$ ,  $[f] = e_*^{-1}[\text{id}_Z]$  implies  $[e \circ f] = [\text{id}_Z]$  and  $[e \circ f \circ e] = [e]$  ( $[f \circ e] = e_*^{-1}[e] = [\text{id}_Y]$ ).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.10.** *CW-approximation is unique up to homotopy.*

**Example 1.1.** Polish circle (Warsaw circle) : closed topologist's sine curve. It is  $n$ -connected for all  $n$  but not contractible.

**Definition 1.2.** A cellular map between CW-pairs is  $g : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  such that  $g(A \cup X^n) \subseteq B \cup Y^n$ .

**Theorem 1.11.** *For any map between CW-pairs  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  there exists a cellular map  $g$  such that  $g \simeq f \text{ rel } A$*

**Proof.** Construct  $g$  inductively:

Start from  $A \cup X^0$ :

take paths  $\gamma_i : f(x_i) \simeq y_i$ , where  $y_i$  is any point in  $Y^0$  and  $x_i \in X^0 - A$ .

Construct  $h_0 : (X^0 \cup A) \times I \rightarrow Y : h_0|_A(a, t) := f(a)$ ,  $h_0|_{X^0-A}(x_i, t) := \gamma_i(t)$ . This is a homotopy from  $f$  to  $g_0 := h_0(-, 1) : A \cup X^0 \rightarrow B \cup Y^0$

Inductive step:

Assume  $g_n : A \cup X^n \rightarrow B \cup Y^n$  and homotopy  $h_n : f|_{A \cup X^n} \simeq g_n$  is given, try to construct  $g_{n+1}$ : For each characteristic map  $\varphi_i : S^n \rightarrow X^n$ , take the resulting cell map  $\varphi_i^+ : D^{n+1} \rightarrow X^{n+1}$  and use HELP of  $(D^{n+1}, S^n)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S^n & \hookrightarrow & D^{n+1} \\
 \varphi_i \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_i^+ \\
 X^n & \xrightarrow{g_{n+1,i}} & X^{n+1} \\
 g_n \downarrow & \swarrow h_{n+1,i} & \downarrow f \\
 B \cup Y^{n+1} & \hookrightarrow & Y
 \end{array}$$

Glue all  $g_{n+1,i}$  and  $h_{n+1,i}$  to produce  $g_{n+1}$  and  $h_{n+1} : f|_{A \cup X^{n+1}} \simeq g_{n+1}$ .

Final stage:

Maps  $g_n$  determine a cellular map  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  since  $X$  has the final topology determined by skeletons.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.12.** *If  $X$  is a pointed CW-complex, then the inclusions  $X^{n+1} \hookrightarrow X^{n+2} \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow X$  induce  $\pi_n(X^{n+1}) \cong \pi_n(X^{n+2}) \cong \dots \cong \pi_n(X)$ .*

**Proof.** For  $k \geq 1$ ,  $X^{n+k} \hookrightarrow X^{n+k+1}$  induces epimorphism  $\pi_n(X^{n+k}) \twoheadrightarrow \pi_n(X^{n+k+1})$  since every  $f : (S^n, *) \rightarrow (X^{n+k+1}, *)$  is homotopic (rel  $*$ ) to an  $g : (S^n, *) \rightarrow (X^n, *) \hookrightarrow (X^{n+k}, *)$ . Now we want to prove it is monomorphism, that is,  $i_*[f] = 0 \implies [f] = 0$ . If  $h : (S^n, *) \times I \rightarrow X^{n+k+1}$  is a nullhomotopy in  $X^{n+k+1}$  of a map  $f : (S^n, *) \rightarrow (X^{n+k}, *) \hookrightarrow (X^{n+k+1}, *)$ , then  $h : (CS^n, S^n) \rightarrow (X^{n+k+1}, X^{n+k})$  is homotopic (rel  $S^n$ ) to an  $h' : (CS^n, S^n) \rightarrow (X^{n+k}, X^{n+k})$ , which is equivalent to  $h' : S^n \times I \rightarrow X^{n+k}$  with  $h(S^n, 1) = *$ ,  $h(*, t) = *$ ,  $h|_{S^n \times \{0\}} = f$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.13.** *If  $(X, A)$  is CW-pair and all cells of  $X - A$  have  $\dim > n$ , then  $(X, A)$  is  $n$ -connected.*

**Proof.** For each  $q \leq n$ , and each  $[f] \in \pi_q(X, A)$ ,  $f \simeq g \text{ rel } S^{q-1}$  where  $g$  is a cellular map. (use theorem 1.11)  $\pi_q(X, A) \ni [g] = 0$  since  $g(S^{n-1} \cup e^n) = g(D^n) \subseteq A \cup X^n = A$ .  $\square$

## 1.2 Operation of CW-complexes

We show that Product, Smash Product of CW-complexes and Quotient of CW-pairs (with compact-open topology) are CW-complexes. (Compact-open topology is the right topology on CW-complexes)

Product of CW-complexes:

**Example 1.2.** Product topology of two CW-complexes does not coincide with the final topology (union topology):

$X$  (star of countably many edges) :  $X = X^1 = \bigvee_{n \in \omega} I_n$

$Y$  (star of  $\omega^\omega$  many edges) :  $Y = Y^1 = \bigvee_{f \in \omega^\omega} I_f$  ( $(I_n, 0) \cong (I_f, 0) \cong (I, 0)$ )

Consider subset  $H$  of  $X \times Y$ :  $H := \{(\frac{1}{f(n)+1}, \frac{1}{f(n)+1}) \in I_n \times I_f \mid n \in \omega, f \in \omega^\omega\}$ .

$H$  is closed under the final topology since every cell of  $X \times Y$  contains at most one point of  $H$ . But closure of  $H$  contains  $(0, 0)$  at product topology:

Let  $U \times V$  be an open neighborhood (at product topology) of  $(0, 0)$ , let  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega - 0$  be an increasing function such that for all  $n \in \omega$ ,  $[0, \frac{1}{g(n)}) \subseteq U \cap I_n$ , let  $k \in \omega$  be sufficiently large that  $\frac{1}{g(k)+1} \subseteq V \cap I_g$ , then  $(\frac{1}{g(k)+1}, \frac{1}{g(k)+1}) \in U \times V \cap H$ .

**Proposition 1.14.**  *$X$  and  $Y$  are CW-complexes,  $X \times Y$  is CW-complex if  $X$  or  $Y$  is locally compact*

*or*

*both  $X$  and  $Y$  have countably many cells.*

Another way to realize  $X \times Y$  as CW-complex is to change its topology to the compactly generated topology  $k(X \times Y)$ :

**Definition 1.3.** For subspace  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $A$  is compactly closed if

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ compact space } K \\ &\forall \text{ continuous } g : K \rightarrow X \\ &g^{-1}(A) \text{ is closed in } K \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.4.**  $X$  is  $k$ -space if any compactly closed subset is closed.

**Definition 1.5.**  $X$  is weak Hausdorff if

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ compact space } K \\ &\forall \text{ continuous } g : K \rightarrow X \\ &g(K) \text{ is closed in } X \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.6.** The  $k$ -ification of a space  $X$  is defined by:  $k(X) := (X, \tau)$  where  $\tau = \{X - A \mid A \text{ is compactly closed set}\}$



**Definition 1.7.**  $X$  is compactly generated space if it is  $k$ -space and weak Hausdorff.

*Note.* If  $X$  is weak Hausdorff, then  $A \subseteq X$  is compactly closed iff

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ compact subspace } K \subseteq X \\ &A \cap K \text{ is closed in } X \end{aligned}$$

If  $X$  is a CW-complex, then the topology defined on  $k(X)$  automatically coincide with the final topology induced by its CW-complex structure. We have CW-complex structure of  $k(X \times Y)$  is given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial I^n \times I^m \cup I^n \times \partial I^m & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1} \times Y^m \cup X^n \times Y^{m-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I^n \times I^m & \longrightarrow & X^n \times Y^m \end{array}$$

Furthermore, the  $k$ -ification is right adjoint of the inclusion functor  $i$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{i} & \\ \mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CptGen}} & \perp & \mathbf{TOP}_{\text{weakHaus}} \\ & \xleftarrow{k(-)} & \end{array}$$

This allows us to define the CW-complex structure on any limit of CW-complexes:  $\varprojlim_i X_i \approx \varprojlim_i k(X_i) \approx k(\varprojlim_i X_i)$  ( $X \approx k(X)$  and right adjoint preserve limits).

*Note.* Category of CW-complexes is not cartesian closed, but category of compactly generated spaces  $\mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CG}}$  is. And its pointed version  $\mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CG}}^*$  have based exponential law:  $\text{Hom}(X \wedge Y, Z) \approx \text{Hom}(X, \text{Hom}(Y, Z))$ .

Quotient of CW-pair:

**Proposition 1.15.** For CW-complex  $X$  and subcomplex  $A$ , the Quotient space  $X/A$  have a CW-complex structure induced by  $X$  and  $A$ .

**Proof.** Suppose the characteristic maps of  $X$  are indexed by  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and of  $A$  are indexed by  $\{I'_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  ( $I'_n \subseteq I_n$ ). Then the characteristic maps of  $X/A$  are indexed by  $\{K_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , which defined below:

$$K_0 := (I_0 - I'_0) \cup \{i_0\} \text{ where } i_0 \text{ is an arbitrary element in } I'_0$$

$$K_n := I_n - I'_n \text{ for } n > 0.$$

Verify the maps determine the CW-complex structure:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1}/A^{n-1} & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ D^n & \longrightarrow & X^n & \longrightarrow & X^n/A^{n-1} & \longleftarrow & A^n \\ & & \lrcorner & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & X^n/A^n & \longleftarrow & * \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & & & Z & & \end{array}$$

□

Smash product of CW-complexes:

**Proposition 1.16.** If  $(X, x_0)$ ,  $(Y, y_0)$  are pointed CW-complexes with both countably many cell, and  $X^{r-1} = \{x_0\}$ ,  $Y^{s-1} = \{y_0\}$ , then  $X \wedge Y := X \times Y / X \vee Y$  is an  $(r + s - 1)$ -connected CW-complex.

**Proof.**  $X \times Y$  is CW-complex with cells of the form  $e_{i,X}^n \times \{y_0\}$ ,  $\{x_0\} \times e_{j,Y}^m$  or  $e_{i,X}^n \times e_{j,Y}^m$  for  $n \geq r$ ,  $m \geq s$ . Cells of the first two forms are contained in  $X \vee Y$ , therefore  $(X \wedge Y)^{r+s-1} = *$ . □

**Corollary 1.17.** If  $X$  is a pointed CW-complex, then  $\Sigma^n X$  is an  $(n - 1)$ -connected CW-complex.

### 1.3 Properties of Infinite Symmetric Product

Functoriality:

Pointed map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces

$$\begin{aligned} f_n : \mathrm{SP}^n X &\rightarrow \mathrm{SP}^n Y \\ \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} &\mapsto \{f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^n X & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^{n+1} X & \longrightarrow \\ & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & \\ \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^n Y & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^{n+1} Y & \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

Which induces map  $\mathrm{SP} f : \mathrm{SP} X \rightarrow \mathrm{SP} Y$ . And Functorial properties are directly from the constructions above.

$\mathrm{SP}(X_1 \vee X_2) \approx \mathrm{SP}(X_1) \times \mathrm{SP}(X_2)$ , the homeomorphism is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{SP}(X_1) \times \mathrm{SP}(X_2) &\cong \mathrm{SP}(X_1 \vee X_2) \\ (\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}, \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}) &\mapsto \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\} \end{aligned}$$

Commute with directed colimit:

Suppose  $P$  is a directed poset (that is  $\forall x, y \in P, \exists z \in P, x \leq z, y \leq z$ ) and  $X_i$  are pointed spaces indexed by  $P$  satisfying  $i \leq j \implies X_i \subseteq X_j$ .

Then  $\mathrm{SP}^n(\varinjlim_i X_i) \approx \varinjlim_i (\mathrm{SP}^n X_i)$

(Proof is obtained by showing that  $\mathrm{SP}^n f$  is continuous iff  $f$  is, which implies final topology on  $\varinjlim_i (\mathrm{SP}^n X_i)$  agree on  $\mathrm{SP}^n(\varinjlim_i X_i)$ )

Suppose  $i : A \hookrightarrow X$  is an pointed inclusion, then  $\mathrm{SP} i : \mathrm{SP} A \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SP} X$  is also inclusion. Furthermore, if  $A$  is open (or closed) in  $X$ , then  $\mathrm{SP} A$  is open (or closed) in  $\mathrm{SP} X$ .

CW-complex structure of  $\mathrm{SP}$ :

We can have natural CW-complex structure on  $\prod_n X$  by applying  $k(-)$ . following theorems allows us to prove that  $\mathrm{SP}^n X = \prod_n X/S_n$  have a CW-complex structure.

**Definition 1.8.**  $G$  acts cellularly on a CW-complex  $X$  if:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall g \in G, e_i^n &\text{ is open } n\text{-cell (of } X) \\ g(e_i^n) = e_j^n &\text{ is open } n\text{-cell (of } X) \end{aligned}$$

and  $g(e_i^n) = e_i^n$  implies  $g|_{e_i^n} = \mathrm{id}_{e_i^n}$ .

**Lemma 1.18.** *If  $G$  is a discrete group,  $X$  is CW-complex with  $G$  cellularly act on  $X$ . Then  $X$  is a  $G$ -CW-complex with  $n$ -skeleton  $X^n$ .*

**Proof.** The goal is to show  $X^n$  is obtained from  $X^{n-1}$  by attaching  $G$ -equivariant cells. Since  $\coprod_{i \in I_n} Y = I_n \times Y$  ( $I_n$  with discrete topology). We have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_n \times S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X^{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I_n \times D^n & \xrightarrow[\phi]{\quad \quad} & X^n \end{array}$$

$G$  acts cellularly on open  $n$ -cells implies  $G$  acts on  $I_n$ . Decomposite  $I_n$  into disjoint unions of orbits  $\coprod_{\alpha \in A} I_\alpha$  choose  $G$ -isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} G/H_\alpha &\cong I_\alpha \\ gH_\alpha &\mapsto gi_\alpha \end{aligned}$$



$\phi^*(Y)$  uniquely determine a map  $\phi(H) \times_H X \rightarrow Y$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(G \times_H X \xrightarrow{f} Y) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (X = \phi(H) \times_H X \xrightarrow{f|_{H \times_H X}} Y) \\
\downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi \\
(g\phi(h), x) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & g\phi(h)f(x)
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
(\phi(h), x) = (e, hx) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \phi(h)x \\
\downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi
\end{array}$$

$$X \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} \phi^*(Y)$$

Naturality:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
(G \times_H X' \xrightarrow{\text{id}_G \times_H f'} G \times_H X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{f''} Y') \\
\downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \\
(g, hx') \xrightarrow{\quad} (g, hf'(x)) \xrightarrow{\quad} g\phi(h)f(f'(x)) \xrightarrow{\quad} g\phi(h)f''(f(f'(x)))
\end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
(X' \xrightarrow{f'} X = \phi(H) \times_H X \xrightarrow{f|_{H \times_H X}} \phi^*(Y) \xrightarrow{\phi^*(f'')} \phi^*(Y')) \\
\downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \\
(hx') \xrightarrow{\quad} (\phi(h), f'(x')) = (e, hf'(x')) \xrightarrow{\quad} \phi(h)f(f'(x)) \xrightarrow{\quad} \phi(h)f''(f(f'(x)))
\end{array}$$

□

**Proposition 1.20.** *If  $(X, A)$  is relative  $G$ -equivariant CW-complex, then  $(X/G, A/G)$  is relative CW-complex with  $n$ -skeleton  $X^n/G$ .*

**Proof.**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\coprod_{i \in I_n} S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1}/G \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\coprod_{i \in I_n} D^n & \longrightarrow & X^n/G
\end{array}$$

Is still pushout since  $-/G = 1 \times_G -$ , and left adjoint preserves colimits.

□

Since  $k(\prod_n X)$  have CW-complex structure, and  $S_n$  (as a discrete group) acts cellularly on it,  $k(\prod_n X)$  is an  $S_n$ -equivariant CW-complex. Therefore  $\text{SP}^n X = k(\prod_n X)/S^n$  is CW-complex. Since  $\text{SP} X = \varinjlim \{\text{SP}^1 X \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^n X \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^{n+1} X \hookrightarrow \dots\}$ ,  $\text{SP} X$  is also a CW-complex.

Pointed homotopy  $h : X \times I \rightarrow Y$  induces

$$\begin{aligned}
h_n : \text{SP}^n X \times I &\rightarrow \text{SP}^n Y \\
(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, t) &\mapsto \{h(x_1, t), \dots, h(x_n, t)\}
\end{aligned}$$

which induces  $\text{SP } h : \text{SP } X \times I \rightarrow \text{SP } Y$ .

Then we observe:

$f \simeq g$  implies  $\text{SP } f \simeq \text{SP } g$ ,

$e : X \rightarrow Y$  is homotopy equivalence implies  $\text{SP } e : \text{SP } X \rightarrow \text{SP } Y$  is,

$X$  is contractible implies  $\text{SP}^n X$  and then  $\text{SP } X$  is.

**Theorem 1.21.** (*Dold-Thom Theorem*)

If  $X$  is  $T_2$  space and  $A$  is closed path-connected subspace of  $X$ , and there is neighborhood  $V$  deformable to  $A$  in  $X$ .

Then the quotient map  $q : X \rightarrow X/A$  induces quasi-fibration  $\text{SP } q : \text{SP } X \rightarrow \text{SP}(X/A)$ , which satisfy  $\forall x \in \text{SP}(X/A)$ ,  $(\text{SP } q)^{-1}\{x\} \simeq \text{SP } A$ .

**Proof.** See here.

**Corollary 1.22.** If  $X, Y$  are  $T_2$  spaces and  $Y$  is connected,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then consider  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X$ , the map  $p : C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X$  induces quasi-fibration  $\text{SP } p : \text{SP } C_f \rightarrow \text{SP}(\Sigma X)$  with fiber  $\text{SP } Y$ .

**Corollary 1.23.** If  $X$  is  $T_2$  and path-connected, then for any  $q \geq 0$ , there is  $\pi_{q+1}(\text{SP}(\Sigma X)) \cong \pi_q(\text{SP } X)$ .

**Proof.**  $CX$  is contractible implies  $\text{SP } CX$  is contractible, use the exact homotopy sequence of quasi-fibration to see:

$$\longrightarrow \pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } CX) \longrightarrow \pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } \Sigma X) \xrightarrow[\partial]{\cong} \pi_q(\text{SP } X) \longrightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } CX) \longrightarrow$$

□

*Note.* The inverse of the isomorphism  $\partial$  above is given by

$$[S^q, \text{SP } X] \ni [g] \mapsto [\Sigma g] \in [S^{q+1}, \Sigma \text{SP } X]$$

$(\Sigma \text{SP } X \cong \text{SP } \Sigma X)$ . Because  $\partial$  is given by:

$$\pi_q(\text{SP } \Sigma X) \longrightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } CX, \text{SP } X) \longrightarrow \pi_{q-1}(\text{SP } X)$$

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$$[f] \longmapsto [\hat{f}] \longmapsto [\hat{f}|_{S^{q-1}}]$$

$$[p \circ Cg] = [\Sigma g] \longleftarrow [Cg] \longleftarrow [g]$$

.

□

**Corollary 1.24.** If  $X$  is  $T_2$  space and  $A$  is path-connected subspace of  $X$ , then the canonical map  $\text{SP}(X \cup (A \times I)) \rightarrow \text{SP}(X \cup CA)$  is a quasi-fibration with fiber  $\text{SP } A$ .

**Theorem 1.25.** If  $X$  is  $T_2$  space and  $A$  is path-connected subspace of  $X$ , and  $A \hookrightarrow X$  is a cofibration.

Then the quotient map  $q : X \rightarrow X/A$  induces quasi-fibration  $\text{SP } q : \text{SP } X \rightarrow \text{SP}(X/A)$ , which satisfy  $\forall x \in \text{SP}(X/A)$ ,  $(\text{SP } q)^{-1}\{x\} \simeq \text{SP } A$ .

**Proof.** If  $A \hookrightarrow X$  is cofibration, then  $X \cup CA \simeq X/A$  and  $X \cup (A \times I) \simeq X$ . □

**Proposition 1.26.** The inclusion  $S^1 \rightarrow \text{SP } S^1$  is homotopy equivalence, therefore  $\pi_q(S^1) \cong \pi_q(\text{SP } S^1)$ .

**Proof.**  $S^1 \simeq S^2 - \{0, \infty\}$

$\text{SP}^n S^2 = \{\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \mid a_i \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}\} = \{\prod_{\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}} (z - a_i) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}\}$  where  $(z - \infty) := 1$   
 $\text{SP}^n S^2 = \{f \in \mathbb{C}[z] - \{0\} \mid \deg(f) \leq n\} = \mathbb{CP}^n$

$\text{SP}^n (S^2 - \{0, \infty\}) = \{f \in \mathbb{C}[z] - \{0\} \mid \deg(f) \leq n, f_n \neq 0, f_0 \neq 0\} = \mathbb{C}^n - \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \times 0 = \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \times (\mathbb{C} - 0)$

it have the same homotopy type of  $S^1$

**Corollary 1.27.**  $\pi_q(\text{SP } S^n) = \mathbb{Z}$  if  $q = n$ , otherwise  $\pi_q(\text{SP } S^n) = 0$ . (use corollary of 1.21 to see  $\pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } \Sigma X) \cong \pi_q(\text{SP } X)$ )

## 2 Homology Groups

### 2.1 Reduced Homology Groups

**Definition 2.1.** For a path-connected pointed CW-complex  $X$ , define its  $n$ -th **reduced homology group** for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\tilde{H}_n(X) := \pi_n(\text{SP } X)$$

*Note.* All reduced homology groups are abelian since  $\tilde{H}_n(X) \cong \tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X)$ . Thus, we can extend the definition above to those  $X$  which does not necessarily be path-connected.

As  $\text{SP}$ ,  $\tilde{H}_n$  also satisfy functoriality. Furthermore,  $\tilde{H}_n$  maps homotopic maps  $f \simeq g$  to identical maps  $f_* = g_*$ . ( $\text{SP}$  maps homotopic maps to homotopic maps)

Exact Property:

**Proposition 2.1.** For any pointed map between CW-complexes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , we have an exact sequence:

$$\tilde{H}_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_*} \tilde{H}_n(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \tilde{H}_n(C_f)$$

where  $C_f$  is the mapping cone of  $f$ ,  $i : Y \hookrightarrow C_f$ .

**Proof.**  $Z_f := Y \cup_f (X \times I)/\{x_0\} \times I$  is the **reduced mapping cylinder** of  $f$ .  
 $q : Z_f \rightarrow C_f$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} y &\mapsto y \\ \overline{(x, t)}^{Z_f} &\mapsto \overline{(x, t)}^{C_f} \end{aligned}$$

By Dold-Thom theorem, the induced map  $\text{SP } q$  is quasi-fibration  $\text{SP } Z_f \rightarrow \text{SP } C_f$  with fiber  $\text{SP } X$ . By definition of quasi-fibration, we have

$$\pi_n(\text{SP } X) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_*} \pi_n(\text{SP } Z_f) \cong \tilde{H}_n(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_n(\text{SP } C_f) = \tilde{H}_n(C_f)$$

□

**Proposition 2.2.** There does not exist retraction  $r : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ .

**Proof.**  $id = r \circ i : \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  induces

$$id_* = r_* \circ i_* : \mathbb{Z} \cong \tilde{H}_{n-1} \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1} \mathbb{D}^n \cong 0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1} \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

which lead to contradiction.

□

**Theorem 2.3.** Fix-point theorem:

If  $f : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$  is continuous, then exist  $x_0 \in \mathbb{D}^n$  such that  $x_0 = f(x_0)$ .

**Proof.** (non-constructive) No such  $x_0$  implies  $\forall x \in \mathbb{D}^n, f(x) \neq x$  therefore, we can construct continuous retraction  $r : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  by

$r(x) :=$  the intersection of “ray starting from  $f(x)$  to  $x$ ” and  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ . Contradict to 2.2.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, A)$  be an CW-pair, define the  $n$ -th homology group for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  of  $(X, A)$  be:

$$H_n(X, A) := \tilde{H}_n(X \cup CA)$$

And for single space:

$$H_n(X) := H_n(X, \emptyset) = \tilde{H}_n(X + 1)$$

where  $X + 1 := X \sqcup *$ .

*Note.* Map between CW-pair  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ , induces map  $\bar{f} : X \cup CA \rightarrow Y \cup CB$  defined by  $(x, t) \mapsto (f(x), t)$ , which induces  $f_* : \tilde{H}_n(X \cup CA) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(Y \cup CB)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 2.2 Axioms for Homology

**Definition 2.3.** A (Ordinary) Homology Theory (on **TOP** with coefficient  $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$ ) is functors  $\{H_n(-, -; G) : \mathbf{TOP}(\mathbf{2}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , with natural transformations  $\partial_{n, (X, A)} : H_n(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A, \emptyset; G)$  (called connecting homomorphism) satisfying following axioms:

- **Dimension:**

$$H_0(*, \emptyset; G) = G, \text{ for any } n \neq 0, H_n(*, \emptyset; G) = 0.$$

- **Weak Equivalence:**

Weak equivalence  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  induces isomorphism

$$f_* : H_*(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_*(Y, B; G)$$

- **Long Exact Sequence:**

For any  $(X, A) \in \mathbf{TOP}(\mathbf{2})$ , maps  $A \hookrightarrow X$  and  $(X, \emptyset) \rightarrow (X, A)$  induce a long exact sequence together with  $\partial$ :

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{q+1}(A; G) \rightarrow H_{q+1}(X; G) \rightarrow H_{q+1}(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_q(A; G) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where  $H_n(X; G) := H_n(X, \emptyset; G)$ .

- **Additivity:**

If  $(X, A) = \coprod_{\lambda} (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda})$  in **TOP**(**2**), then inclusions  $i_{\lambda} : (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda}) \rightarrow (X, A)$  induces isomorphism

$$(\bigoplus i_{*, \lambda}) : \bigoplus_{\lambda} H_*(X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda}; G) \cong H_*(X, A; G)$$

- **Excision:**

If  $(X; A, B)$  is an **excisive triad** (that is,  $X = \overset{\circ}{A} \cup \overset{\circ}{B}$ ), then inclusion  $(A, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$  induces isomorphism

$$H_*(A, A \cap B; G) \cong H_*(X, B; G)$$

*Note.* An equivalent form of Excision Axiom:

If  $(X, A) \in \mathbf{TOP}(\mathbf{2})$ ,  $U$  is subspace of  $A$  and  $\overline{U} \subseteq \overset{\circ}{A}$ , then inclusion  $i : (X - U, A - U) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$  induces isomorphism

$$i_* : H_*(X - U, A - U; G) \rightarrow H_*(X, A; G)$$

There is a critical criterion about weak homotopy equivalence between excisive triads, we prove lemmas first:

**Lemma 2.4.** For

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow i_* \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_*} & X \cup_Z Y \end{array}$$

if  $D$  is deformation retract of  $X$  and  $Z \subseteq D \subseteq X$ , then  $D \cup_Z Y$  is deformation retract of  $X \cup_Z Y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $h : \text{id}_X \simeq r \circ i$  where  $r$  is the deformation retraction  $X \rightarrow D$ . Define  $h_* : \text{id}_{X \cup_Z Y} \simeq (i \cup_Z \text{id}_Y) \circ (r \cup_Z \text{id}_Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} h_* : (X \cup_Z Y) \times I &\rightarrow X \cup_Z Y \\ (x, t) &\mapsto f_*(h(x, t)) \\ (y, t) &\mapsto i_*(y) \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $(X \cup_Z Y) \times I = (X \times I) \cup_{Z \times I} (Y \times I)$ , check that  $h^*$  is continuous:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Z \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \times I & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \searrow \text{id}_{\text{id}_Y} & \\ X \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (X \cup_Z Y) \times I & & Y \\ & \searrow h & \searrow h_* & \searrow i_* & \\ & & X & \xrightarrow{f_*} & X \cup_Z Y \end{array}$$

□

**Lemma 2.5.** For maps  $i : C \rightarrow A$ ,  $j : C \rightarrow B$  define the double mapping cylinder  $M(i, j) := A \cup_{C \times \{0\}} C \times I \cup_{C \times \{1\}} B$ . If  $i$  is closed cofibration, then the quotient map

$$\begin{aligned} q : M(i, j) &\rightarrow A \cup_C B \\ a &\mapsto a \\ b &\mapsto b \\ (c, t) &\mapsto c \end{aligned}$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

**Proof.**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{i_A} & A \cup_C B \end{array}$$

The canonical quotient  $r : M_{i_A} \rightarrow A \cup_C B$  is a deformation retraction with homotopy:

$$\begin{aligned} h : (B \cup_{C \times 0} (A \times I)) \times I &\rightarrow B \cup_{C \times 0} (A \times I) = M_{i_A} \\ (a, t, s) &\mapsto (a, (1-s)t) \\ (b, s) &\mapsto b \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $C \times I \cup_C A \times \{1\}$  is a deformation retract of  $A \times I$ , since  $i : C \rightarrow A$  is closed cofibration.

Then we have  $M(i, j) = B \cup_{C \times \{0\}} (C \times I \cup_{C \times \{1\}} A \times \{1\})$  is a deformation retract of  $B \cup_{C \times \{0\}} A \times I = M_{i_A}$ . (use lemma 2.4)

Finally, an easy check shows that  $M(i, j) \rightarrow M_{i_A} \xrightarrow{r} A \cup_C B$  is identical to  $q$ .

□



**Theorem 2.6.** For excisive triads  $(X; X_1, X_2)$ ,  $(X'; X'_1, X'_2)$  and map  $e : X \rightarrow X'$ , if

$$\begin{aligned} e|_{X_1} : X_1 &\rightarrow X'_1 \\ e|_{X_2} : X_2 &\rightarrow X'_2 \\ e|_{X_3} : X_3 &\rightarrow X'_3 \end{aligned}$$

are weak equivalences, (where  $X_3 := X_1 \cap X_2$ ,  $X'_3 := X'_1 \cap X'_2$ ) then  $e$  is.

**Proof.** Use an important criterion of weak homotopy equivalence, it suffices to show for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , any commutative diagram below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{e} & X' \end{array}$$

can be filled like:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{e} & X' \end{array}$$

$\swarrow h$

whose upper triangle commutes.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &:= g^{-1}(X - \mathring{X}_1) \cup f^{-1}(X' - \mathring{X}'_1) \\ A_2 &:= g^{-1}(X - \mathring{X}_2) \cup f^{-1}(X' - \mathring{X}'_2) \end{aligned}$$

which are disjoint closed subsets of  $D^{n+1}$ . Choose CW-complex structure on  $D^{n+1}$  such that for each  $n$ -cell  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}_i \cap (A_1 \cup A_2) = \bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_1$  or  $\bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_2$ . Now define

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &:= \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid g(\bar{\sigma}_i \cap S^n) \subseteq \mathring{X}_1 \text{ and } f(\bar{\sigma}_i) \subseteq \mathring{X}'_1 \} = \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid \bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_1 = \emptyset \} \\ K_2 &:= \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid g(\bar{\sigma}_i \cap S^n) \subseteq \mathring{X}_2 \text{ and } f(\bar{\sigma}_i) \subseteq \mathring{X}'_2 \} = \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid \bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_2 = \emptyset \} \end{aligned}$$

which are subcomplexes of  $D^{n+1}$  and satisfy  $K_1 \cup K_2 = D^{n+1}$ . By HELP, we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n \cap K_1 \cap K_2 & \xhookrightarrow{i} & K_1 \cap K_2 \\ g|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \downarrow & \swarrow g_0 & \downarrow f|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \\ X_1 \cap X_2 & \xrightarrow{e|_{X_1 \cap X_2}} & X'_1 \cap X'_2 \end{array}$$

$\swarrow h_0$

such that  $h_0$  is  $f|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \simeq e \circ g_0 \text{ rel } (S^n \cap K_1 \cap K_2)$ . Apply HELP to:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (S^n \cup K_1) \cap K_2 & \xrightarrow{i_2} & K_2 \\ g_{K_2} \downarrow & \swarrow h_{K_2} & \downarrow f|_{K_2} \\ X_2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X'_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (S^n \cup K_2) \cap K_1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & K_1 \\ g_{K_1} \downarrow & \swarrow h_{K_1} & \downarrow f|_{K_1} \\ X_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X'_1 \end{array}$$

where

$g_{K_i}$  are defined by  $g_{K_i}|_{S^n \cap K_i} := g|_{S^n \cap K_i}$  and  $g_{K_i}|_{K_1 \cap K_2} := g_0$ ,  
 $h_{K_2}$  are defined by ( $h_{K_1}$  is similar):

$$\begin{aligned} h_{K_2} : ((S^n \cup K_1) \cap K_2) \times I &\rightarrow X'_2 \\ (x, t) &\mapsto \begin{cases} e(g(x)) & x \in S^n \cap K_2 \\ h_0(x, t) & x \in K_1 \cap K_2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(S^n \cup K_1) \cap K_2 & \longrightarrow & K_2 \\
g_{K_2} \downarrow & \nearrow g_2 & \downarrow f|_{K_2} \\
X_2 & \xleftarrow{h_2} & X'_2 \\
& \searrow e|_{X_2} & \\
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{ccc}
(S^n \cup K_2) \cap K_1 & \longrightarrow & K_1 \\
g_{K_1} \downarrow & \nearrow g_1 & \downarrow \\
X_1 & \xleftarrow{h_1} & X'_1 \\
& \searrow e|_{X_1} & \\
\end{array}$$

Define  $g^+$  and  $h : f \simeq g \text{ rel } S^n$  by  $g^+|_{K_i} := g_i$  and  $h|_{K_i \times I} := h_i$ .  
 $h|_{S^n \times I} = (e \circ g) \times \text{id}_I$  ( $h$  is  $\text{rel } S^n$ ) since  $h_i(-, t)|_{S^n \cap K_i} = h_{K_i}(-, t)|_{S^n \cap K_i} = e \circ g|_{S^n \cap K_i}$ .

□

*Note.* The proof above can be easily modified to case each weak equivalence appear in the statement is an  $n$ -equivalence.

Following theorem allow us to use CW-triads to approximate excisive triads:

**Theorem 2.7.** *For any excisive triad  $(X; A, B)$ , there is a CW-triad  $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$  (A CW-triad  $(X; A, B)$  is  $X$  and its subcomplex  $A, B$  such that  $A \cup B = X$ ) and a map  $r : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
r|_{\tilde{A}} : \tilde{A} &\rightarrow A \\
r|_{\tilde{B}} : \tilde{B} &\rightarrow B \\
r|_{\tilde{C}} : \tilde{C} &\rightarrow C \\
r : \tilde{X} &\rightarrow X
\end{aligned}$$

are all weak homotopy equivalences (where  $\tilde{C} := \tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}$ ,  $C := A \cap B$ ). Furthermore, such  $r$  is natural up to homotopy.

**Proof.** Choose a CW-approximation  $r_C : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  and extend it to  $r_A : \tilde{A} \rightarrow A$ ,  $r_B : \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ .  $\tilde{X} := \tilde{A} \cup_{\tilde{C}} \tilde{B}$ .  $i : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \tilde{A}$  and  $j : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$  are closed cofibrations, by lemma 2.5 we have homotopy equivalence  $q : M(i, j) \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ , which induces homotopy equivalence of triads:

$$\begin{aligned}
q : M(i, j) &\rightarrow \tilde{X} \\
q| : \tilde{A} \cup (\tilde{C} \times [0, \frac{2}{3})) &\rightarrow \tilde{A} \\
q| : \tilde{B} \cup (\tilde{C} \times (\frac{1}{3}, 1]) &\rightarrow \tilde{B}
\end{aligned}$$

then we can deduce that  $r \circ q$  is a weak homotopy equivalence by theorem 2.6. Consequently,  $r$  is weak homotopy equivalence.  $r$  is natural up to homotopy since each CW-approximation  $r_C, r_A, r_B$  is.

□

Then we have:

**Definition 2.4.** A (Ordinary) Homology Theory on CW-complexes with coefficient  $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$  is functors  $\{H_n(-, -; G) : \mathbf{CW}\text{-pairs} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , with natural transformations  $\partial_{n, (X, A)} : H_n(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_n(A, \emptyset; G)$  (called connecting homomorphism)

satisfying axioms with the excision axiom changed to:

- **Excision:**

If  $(X; A, B)$  is an **CW-triad** (that is  $X = A \cup B$  for subcomplexes  $A$  and  $B$ ) then the inclusion  $(A, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$  induces isomorphism

$$H_*(A, A \cap B; G) \cong H_*(X, B; G)$$

**Proposition 2.8.** *The homology groups defined in definition 2.2 with  $H_{-n}(X) := 0$  is a ordinary homology theory on CW-complexes with coefficient  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof.**

- Dimension: by a corollary,  $H_q(*, \emptyset) = \pi_q(\text{SP } S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = 0 \\ 0 & q \geq 1 \end{cases}$ .
- Weak Equivalence: SP preserves weak equivalence.
- Long Exact Sequence: use a corollary of Dold-Thom theorem.
- Additivity: For index set  $\Lambda$ ,  $P := \{S \mid S \subseteq \Lambda\}$ .  
Then define  $Y_S := \bigvee_{\lambda \in S} X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda = (\coprod_{\lambda \in S} X_\lambda) \cup C(\coprod_{\lambda \in S} A_\lambda)$ ,  
and use fact that SP commutes with directed colimit, we have  
 $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{SP}(X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda) = \varinjlim_{S \in P} \text{SP } Y_S \approx \text{SP}(\varinjlim_{S \in P} Y_S) = \text{SP}((\coprod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda) \cup C(\coprod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda)) = \text{SP}(X \cup CA)$ .  
Which induces  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \tilde{H}_n(X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda) \cong \pi_n(\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{SP}(X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda)) \cong \pi_n(\text{SP}(X \cup CA)) = \tilde{H}_n(X \cup CA)$ .
- Excision: For CW-triad  $(X; A, B)$ ,  $A/(A \cap B) \approx X/B$ . Apply theorem 1.25 to  $(Y \cup CZ, CZ)$  to show that  $H_n(Y, Z) \cong \tilde{H}_n(Y/Z)$ .

□

### 2.3 Cellular Homology

**Lemma 2.9.** *For an ordinary homology theory  $H_*(-, -; G)$ , if  $X$  is a CW-complex, then for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$   $H_n(X) \cong \tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X)$ .*

**Proof.** Apply long exact sequence axiom on  $(CX, X)$ : ( $H_*(CX) = 0$  due to weak equivalence axiom):

$$0 \cong H_{n+1}(CX) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(CX, X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(CX) \cong 0$$

Use excision axiom and weak equivalence axiom, we have:

$$H_*(CX, X) \cong H_*(CX \cup CX, CX) \cong H_*(\Sigma X, *)$$

□

**Proposition 2.10.** *For an ordinary homology theory  $H_*(-, -; G)$ , if  $X$  is a pointed CW-complex with  $X^{-1} := *$ , then for any  $n \geq 0$*

$$H_q(X^n, X^{n-1}) \cong \tilde{H}_q(X^n/X^{n-1}) \cong \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{i \in I_n} G & q = n \\ 0 & q \neq n \end{cases}$$

where  $I_n$  is set of all  $q$ -cells.

**Proof.** Use additivity axiom and lemma 2.9 to see that  $H_n(\bigvee S^n) \cong \bigoplus G$  and  $H_q(\bigvee S^n) = 0$  for  $q \neq n$ . Use excision axiom and weak equivalence axiom to see

$$H_q(X^n, X^{n-1}) \cong H_q(X^n \cup CX^{n-1}, CX^{n-1}) \cong H_q(X^n/X^{n-1}, *) \cong \tilde{H}_q(\bigvee_{i \in I_n} S^n)$$

□

**Corollary 2.11.** *If  $H_*(-, -)$  is an ordinary homology theory, then for a pointed CW-complex  $X$  with  $X^{-1} := *$ , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_q(X^n) &= 0 & \text{for } q > n \\ H_q(X^n) &\cong H_q(X^{n+1}) \cong H_q(X) & \text{for } q < n \\ H_n(X^n) &\xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X^{n+1}) & \text{is epimorphism} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $n \geq -1$ .

**Proof.** Use long exact sequence of  $(X^{n+1}, X^n)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow H_{q+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) &\xrightarrow{\partial_{q+1}} H_q(X^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_q(X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_q(X^{n+1}, X^n) \xrightarrow{\partial_q} H_{q-1}(X^n) \rightarrow \cdots \\ \cdots \rightarrow H_1(X^{n+1}, X^n) &\xrightarrow{\partial_1} H_0(X^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_0(X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_0(X^{n+1}, X^n) \end{aligned}$$

For  $q < n$ ,  $H_q(X^n) \cong H_q(X^{n+1}) \cong \cdots \cong \varinjlim_{i \in \mathbb{N}} H_q(X^i)$ .

For  $q > n$ , if  $n > -1$ ,  $H_q(X^n) \cong H_q(X^{n-1}) \cong \cdots \cong H_q(X^{-1}) \cong 0$ ,

if  $n = -1$ ,  $\tilde{H}_0(X^{-1}) \cong 0 \cong \tilde{H}_q(X^{-1})$ .

For  $q = n$ , we have following exact:

$$\rightarrow H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} H_n(X^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_n(X^{n+1}, X^n) \cong 0$$

□

**Definition 2.5.** For pointed CW-complex  $X$  with  $X^{-1} := *$  and a ordinary homology theory  $H_*(-, -)$  the (reduced) **cellular chain complex**  $\{\tilde{C}_n(X), d_n\}$  of  $X$  is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_n(X) &:= H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) \\ d_n : H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) &\xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

*Note.* Use cellular approximation, we can see that the construction  $\tilde{C}_*(-)$  is a functor.

**Theorem 2.12.** For any ordinary homology theory  $H_*(-, -)$  and any pointed CW-complex  $X$ , (with  $X^{-1} := *$ ) the  $n$ -th homology of cellular chain complex is isomorphic to  $\tilde{H}_n(X)$ :

$$H_n(\tilde{C}_*(X)) \cong H_n(X, *)$$

if we set  $X^{-1} := \emptyset$  in our  $\tilde{C}_*(X)$ , then  $H_n(\tilde{C}_*(X)) \cong H_n(X, \emptyset)$ .

**Proof.** Notice that we have commutative diagram with each straight line exact: (use long exact sequence of pairs,  $n > 0$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & H_{n-1}(X^{n-2}) \cong 0 & & \\ & & & & \searrow & & \\ & & & & & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) & \\ & & & \nearrow \partial_n & & \searrow & \\ H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{d_n} & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}) & & \\ & \searrow \partial_{n+1} & \nearrow & & & & \\ & & H_n(X^n) = \ker(\partial_n) = \ker(d_n) & & & & \\ & \nearrow & \searrow & & & & \\ H_n(X^{n-1}) \cong 0 & & H_n(X^{n+1}) = \operatorname{coker}(\partial_{n+1}) & & & & \\ & & \searrow & & & & \\ & & & H_{n-1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) \cong 0 & & & \end{array}$$

For  $n = 0$ :

$$H_1(X^1, X^0) \xrightarrow{d_1} H_0(X^0, X^{-1}) \twoheadrightarrow \operatorname{coker}(d_1) \cong H_0(X^1, X^{-1}) \longrightarrow H_0(X^1, X^0) \cong 0$$

□

*Note.* If the ordinary homology theory has coefficient  $\mathbb{Z}$ , then the  $d_n : \tilde{C}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{n-1}(X)$  is given by:

$$\mathbb{Z}i \ni 1_i = e_i^n \mapsto \sum_{j \in I_{n-1}} \alpha_i^j e_j^{n-1}$$

where  $\alpha_i^j$  is degree of map

$$\beta_i^j : S^n \approx \partial e_i^n \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} X^{n-1} \rightarrow X^{n-1}/X^{n-2} \rightarrow \bigvee_{j' \in I_{n-1}} S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{p_j} S^{n-1}$$

where  $\varphi_i$  is the characteristic map,  $p_j$  maps every point not in  $S_j^{n-1}$  to  $*$ .

**Corollary 2.13.** *For any ordinary homology theory  $H_*(-, -)$  and any relative CW-complex  $(X, A)$ , the cellular chain of  $X$  with is  $X^{-1} := A$  noted  $C_*(X, A)$ , we have:*

$$H_n(C_*(X, A)) \cong H_n(X/A, *) \cong H_n(X, A)$$

**Proposition 2.14.** *If  $(X, A)$  is a (pointed) CW-pair, (with  $X^{-1} := * =: A^{-1}$ ) use the natural relative CW-complex  $(X, A)$  to obtain  $C_*(X, A)$ , then  $\tilde{C}_*(X)/\tilde{C}_*(A) \cong C_*(X, A)$  naturally.*

**Proof.**  $H_n(X^n, X^{n-1})/H_n(A^n, A^{n-1}) \cong H_n((X/A)^n, (X/A)^{n-1})$  and  $H_0(X^0, X^{-1})/H_0(A^0, A^{-1}) \cong H_n((X/A)^0, (X/A)^{-1})$ . Naturality:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\bigoplus_{I_X^n} \mathbb{Z}}{\bigoplus_{I_A^n} \mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \bigoplus_{I_X^n - I_A^n} \mathbb{Z} \\ f_* \downarrow & & \downarrow f_* \\ \frac{\bigoplus_{I_Y^n} \mathbb{Z}}{\bigoplus_{I_B^n} \mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \bigoplus_{I_Y^n - I_B^n} \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

where  $I_Z^n$  is the index set of  $n$ -cells of  $Z$ ,  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a cellular map. □

## 3 Homotopy and Eilenberg-Mac Lane Spaces

### 3.1 Homotopy Excision Theorem and its Corollary

**Theorem 3.1.** (Blakers–Massey) *Homotopy Excision Theorem:*

*For pointed CW-triad  $(X; A, B)$  such that  $C := A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , if  $(A, C)$  is  $(m-1)$ -connected and  $(B, C)$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected where  $m \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $i : (A, C) \rightarrow (X, B)$  is an  $(m+n-2)$ -equivalence for pairs.*

*Note.* We can replace the "CW-triad" with "excisive triad" in condition by theorem 2.7.

**Proof.** See here.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Suppose that  $Y_0 \hookrightarrow Y$  is cofibration,  $(Y, Y_0)$  is  $(r-1)$ -connected and  $Y_0$  is  $(s-1)$ -connected, then  $(Y, Y_0) \rightarrow (Y/Y_0, *)$  is  $(r+s-1)$ -equivalence. ( $r \geq 2$ ,  $s \geq 1$ )*

**Proof.**  $Y_0 \hookrightarrow CY_0$  is cofibration and  $(CY_0, Y_0)$  is  $s$ -connected. Use homotopy excision theorem (with  $X = Y \cup CY_0$ ,  $A = Y$ ,  $B = CY_0$ ,  $C = Y_0$ ) to see  $(Y, Y_0) \rightarrow (Y \cup CY_0, CY_0)$  is  $(r+s-1)$ -equivalence. And  $(Y \cup CY_0, CY_0) \rightarrow (Y/Y_0, *)$  is homotopy equivalence since  $Y_0 \hookrightarrow Y$  is cofibration. □

**Corollary 3.3.** *For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(n-1)$ -equivalence between  $(s-1)$ -connected spaces, then  $(M_f, X) \rightarrow (C_f^+, *)$  is  $(n+s-1)$ -equivalence. Where  $C_f^+ := Y \cup_f C^+X$ ,  $C^+X := (X \times I)/(X \times \{1\})$ . is the unreduced mapping cone and the unreduced cone.*

**Proof.**  $f$  is  $(n-1)$ -equivalence implies  $(M_f, X)$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected. Use corollary above. □

**Corollary 3.4.** For  $n \geq 2$ , if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is pointed map between  $(n-1)$ -connected well-pointed spaces (that is, pointed space whose inclusion of the base point is (closed) cofibration). Then  $C_f$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected and  $\pi_n(M_f, X) \rightarrow \pi_n(C_f, *)$  is isomorphism.

**Proof.** Use homotopy extension property to extend to unreduced case.  $f$  is map between  $(n-1)$ -connected space implies  $f$  is at least a  $(n-1)$ -equivalence. Therefore  $(M_f, X) \rightarrow (C_f, *)$  is  $(2n-1)$ -equivalence, Since we have  $n < 2n-1$  for any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\pi_n(M_f, X) \rightarrow \pi_n(C_f, *)$  is isomorphism.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** (Freudenthal Suspension Theorem) If  $X$  is well-pointed and  $(n-1)$ -connected ( $n \geq 1$ ), then the map:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma : \pi_q(X) &\rightarrow \pi_{q+1}(\Sigma X) \cong \pi_q(\Omega \Sigma X) \\ f &\mapsto \Sigma f \end{aligned}$$

is isomorphism if  $q < 2n-1$  and epimorphism if  $q = 2n-1$ .

**Proof.** If we have  $f : (I^q, \partial I^q) \rightarrow (X, *)$  then  $f \times \text{id}_I : I^{q+1} \rightarrow X \times I$  will give a map  $\overline{f \times \text{id}_I} : (I^{q+1}, \partial I^{q+1}, \partial I^q \times I \cup \partial I \times \{1\}) \rightarrow (CX, X, *)$  since  $J^q = \partial I^q \times I \cup \partial I \times \{0\}$ , it does not give a map in  $\pi_{q+1}(CX, X)$ . we should change  $\overline{f \times \text{id}_I}$  into  $\overline{f \times -\text{id}_I}$ . we have commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{q+1}(CX, X) & \xrightarrow{p_*} & \pi_{q+1}(CX/X, *) & \quad & \overline{[f \times -\text{id}_I]} & \longmapsto & [p \circ \overline{f \times -\text{id}_I}] \\ \partial \left( \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) i & & \parallel & & \left( \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) & & \parallel \\ \pi_q(X) & \xrightarrow{-\sigma} & \pi_{q+1}(\Sigma X) & & [f] & \longmapsto & [-\Sigma f] \end{array}$$

Where  $p : (CX, X) \rightarrow (CX/X, *)$  is the canonical quotient map and  $i : [f] \rightarrow \overline{[f \times -\text{id}_I]}$  makes  $\pi_{q+1}(CX) \rightarrow \pi_{q+1}(CX, X) \rightarrow \pi_q(X) \rightarrow \pi_q(CX)$  split in middle (that is,  $i$  is inverse of the connecting homomorphism  $\partial$ ). We verify the commutativity:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Sigma f : (I^{q+1}, \partial I^{q+1}) &\rightarrow (CX/X, *) \\ (s, t) &\mapsto f(s) \wedge (1-t) \\ p \circ \overline{f \times -\text{id}_I} : (I^{q+1}, \partial I^{q+1}) &\rightarrow (CX/X, *) \\ (s, t) &\mapsto f(s) \wedge (1-t) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X \hookrightarrow CX$  is cofibration and  $n$ -equivalence between  $(n-1)$ -connected spaces,  $p$  is an  $2n$ -equivalence. Therefore,  $q+1 < 2n$  implies  $-\sigma$  is isomorphism,  $q+1 = 2n$  implies  $-\sigma$  is epimorphism, and we have  $-\sigma$  is iff  $\sigma$  is.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** If  $Y$  is well pointed  $(n-1)$ -connected space then  $Y \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma Y$  is  $(2n-1)$ -equivalence. By theorem 1.3, for any CW-complex  $X$  with  $\dim X < 2n-1$ ,  $\Sigma : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [\Sigma X, \Sigma Y]_* \cong [X, \Omega \Sigma Y]_*$  is bijection.

**Definition 3.1.** We now define the  $q$ -th stable homotopy group:

$$\pi_k^s(X) := \varinjlim_r \pi_{k+r}(\Sigma^r X) \cong \pi_{2k+2}(\Sigma^{k+2} X) \cong \pi_{k+n}(\Sigma^n X) \quad (n-1 > k)$$

(Since  $\Sigma^n X$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected)

And stable homotopy class:

$$[X, Y]_*^s := \varinjlim_r [\Sigma^r X, \Sigma^r Y]$$

*Note.* We'll see later that  $\{\pi_n^s\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defines a generalized homology theory.

### 3.2 Hurewicz Theorem

First, we use homotopy excision theorem to prove following lemmas:

**Lemma 3.7.** (every  $S_a^n \approx S^n$ ) We have canonical  $i_a : S_a^n \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$  and for  $n > 1$ :

$$\pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \cong \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$$

where  $[i_a] = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_a \subseteq \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$  and every  $\mathbb{Z}_a \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

For  $n = 1$ :

$$\pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^1) \cong \coprod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$$

where  $\coprod$  is taken in category **Grp**,  $[i_a] = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_a \subseteq \coprod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$  and every  $\mathbb{Z}_a \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proof.**

Case  $n = 1$ :

Apply the Seifert-van Kampen theorem.

Case  $n > 1$ :

Suppose each  $S_a^n$  have CW-complex structure with one 0-cell and one  $n$ -cell. Consider finite product  $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$  and its subcomplex, finite wedge product  $\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$ .

The inclusion

$$\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n \hookrightarrow \prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$$

is  $(2n-1)$ -equivalence since  $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n - \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$  only have cells of  $\dim \geq 2n$ . (use lemma 1.13) Use exact homotopy sequence of pair, we deduce that  $\pi_q(\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n) \rightarrow \pi_q(\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n) \cong \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathbb{Z}$  is an isomorphism for  $q \leq 2n-2$ . And  $S_i^n \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n \hookrightarrow \prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$  is just the  $i$ -th inclusion  $S_i^n \hookrightarrow \prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$  which represents  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}_i \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathbb{Z}_i$ . Infinite wedge case:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \pi_q(S_i^n) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \pi_q(\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bigoplus_{a \in A} \pi_q(S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{a \in A} i_{a*}} & \pi_q(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \end{array}$$

$\bigoplus_{a \in A} i_{a*}$  is monomorphism since every homotopy  $S^n \times I \rightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$  has a compact image, and  $\bigoplus_{a \in A} i_{a*}$  is epimorphism since every map  $S^n \times I \rightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$  has a compact image.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8.** For  $n \geq 1$ , if we have a map  $f : \prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \rightarrow \prod_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b$  (case  $n = 1$ )

or a map  $f : \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \rightarrow \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b$  (case  $n > 1$ ).

Then there exists a map  $\phi : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \rightarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$  unique up to homotopy and satisfy  $\pi_n(\phi) = f$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $f(1_a) = [\phi_a] \in [S^n, \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n]_*$ , then  $\phi_a$  is indeed a map  $S_a^n \rightarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$ . Now we define  $\phi := \bigvee_a \phi_a : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \rightarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$ . For any  $a \in A$ ,  $\phi|_{S_a^n} = \phi_a$ , we have

$$\pi_n(\phi)(1_a) = [\phi|_{S_a^n} \circ \text{id}_{S_a^n}] = [\phi_a] = f(1_a)$$

which implies  $\pi_n(\phi) = f$  since they are group homomorphisms.

Uniqueness up to homotopy:  $\pi_n(\phi)[1_a] = \pi_n(\phi')[1_a]$  implies  $\phi|_{S_a^n} \simeq \phi'|_{S_a^n} \text{ rel } *$ . Therefore  $\phi \simeq \phi' \text{ rel } *$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** If  $H_n$  is a ordinary homology theory with coefficient  $\mathbb{Z}$ , then the map

$$\begin{aligned} h_X : \pi_n(X) &\rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X) := H_n(X, *) \\ [f] &\mapsto f_*(1) \end{aligned} \quad (f_* : \tilde{H}_n(S^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X))$$

is called **Hurewicz Homomorphism**.

Note.  $h_{(-)}$  is natural transformation since we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(X) & \xrightarrow{h_X} & \tilde{H}_n(X) \\ g_* \downarrow & & \downarrow g_* \\ \pi_n(Y) & \xrightarrow{h_Y} & \tilde{H}_n(Y) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} [f] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f_*(1) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [g \circ f] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (g \circ f)_*(1) = (g_* \circ f_*)(1) \end{array}$$

commutes. Moreover, it commutes with connecting homomorphism.

**Lemma 3.9.** *If  $X = \bigvee_{a \in A} S^n$ ,  $h_X : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X)$  is abelianization if  $n = 1$ , isomorphism if  $n \geq 2$ .*

**Proof.** Directly from lemma 3.8. (we used homotopic properties of spheres only in proving is lemma)  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** (Hurewicz) *If  $X$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected, then  $h_X : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X)$  is abelianization if  $n = 1$ , isomorphism if  $n \geq 2$ .*

**Proof.** We can assume  $X$  is CW-complex with  $X^{n-1} = *$  and each characteristic map is pointed. (since we have theorem 1.5)

For CW-complex  $X$ ,  $\pi_n(X^{n+1}) \cong \pi_n(X)$  and  $H_n(X^{n+1}) \cong H_n(X)$ , Since we have cellularity of homotopy group and cellularity of homology.

Then we have  $X^n = \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$ ,  $X^{n+1} = C_\phi$  where  $\phi : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \rightarrow X^n$  are the characteristic maps. Use naturality of  $h_{(-)}$ , we have maps between exact sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*} & \pi_n(X^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(C_\phi) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow h_{\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n} & & \downarrow h_{X^n} & & \downarrow h_{C_\phi} & & \\ \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*} & \tilde{H}_n(X^n) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(C_\phi) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

If  $n > 1$ , exactness of top row is directly from lemma 3.2.  $((M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n)$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected since we have lemma 1.13) 5-lemma shows that  $h_{C_\phi}$  is isomorphism.

If  $n = 1$ , Seifert-van Kampen theorem shows that  $\pi_1(C_\phi) = \pi_1(X^n) / \langle \text{Im } \phi_* \rangle_{nor}$ . (where for  $A \subseteq$  a group  $G$ ,  $\langle A \rangle_{nor} := \{gAg^{-1} \mid g \in G\}$ ). The top row is not exact, but top row's abelianization is exact since  $\langle \text{Im } f \rangle_{nor} / [B, B] = \text{Im } f / [B, B]$  for any group morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Therefore we have diagram below with the middle row and the bottom row exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{q} & G = B / \langle \text{Im } f \rangle_{nor} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A^{ab} & \xrightarrow{f^{ab}} & B^{ab} & \xrightarrow{q^{ab}} & G^{ab} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \\ A' & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & G' & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Finally apply 5-lemma on the middle row and the bottom row.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.11.** (Relative version of Hurewicz theorem) *If  $(X, A)$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected CW-pair,  $A$  is 1-connected subcomplex and  $n \geq 2$ , then the Hurewicz morphism  $h_{(X,A)} : \pi_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$  (defined analogue to  $h_X$ ) is isomorphism.*

**Proof.** Use theorem 3.2 and Hurewicz theorem of  $h_{X/A}$ .  $\square$

Uniqueness of Ordinary Homology Theory:



**Theorem 3.12.** *If  $H_*(-, -)$  is ordinary homology theory with coefficient  $\mathbb{Z}$  on CW-complexes, then  $H_*(-, -)$  is unique up to natural isomorphism.*

**Proof.** Since  $H_n(C_*(X)) \cong H_n(X)$  naturally (in  $X$ ), our goal is to prove the complex defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C'_n(X) &:= \pi_n(X^n, X^{n-1})_{ab} \\ d'_n &:= \pi_n(X^n, X^{n-1})_{ab} \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1})_{ab} \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2})_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

is isomorphic to  $C_*(X)$  naturally. Isomorphic:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_n(X^n, X^{n-1})_{ab} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1})_{ab} & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2})_{ab} \\ \downarrow \cong & \nearrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \cong \\ \pi_n(X^n/X^{n-1})_{ab} & & & & \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1}/X^{n-2})_{ab} \\ \downarrow \cong & & & & \downarrow \cong \\ H_n(X^n/X^{n-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}/X^{n-2}) \end{array}$$

Naturality directly follows from naturality of Hurewicz morphism. □

*Note.* Similarly uniqueness of ordinary homology theory with coefficient  $G$ .

### 3.3 Moore Spaces

**Definition 3.3.** A space  $X$  is **Eilenberg-Mac Lane space of type  $K(G, n)$**  (where  $G$  is group and is abelian for  $n \geq 2$ ) if

$$\pi_q(X) \cong \begin{cases} G & n = q \\ 0 & n \neq q \end{cases}$$

We see that  $SP S^n$  is a  $K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$ . Now we use this to construct other  $K(G, n)$ .

*Note.* In order to construct  $K(G, n)$ , we construct a space  $M(G, n)$  which have  $\pi_n(M(G, n)) = G$ ,  $\pi_q(M(G, n)) = 0$  for  $q < n$  and we can apply SP on it to kill all  $\dim > n$  homotopy group.

**Proposition 3.13.** *For any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , there is a map  $a_k : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  with  $a_k$ , and  $C_{a_k} = S^1 \cup_{a_k} e^2$  is the desired  $M(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, 1)$  (that is  $SP(S^1 \cup_{a_k} e^2)$  is a  $K(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ ).*

**Proof.** Consider sequence  $S^1 \xrightarrow{a_k} S^1 \hookrightarrow C_{a_k} \rightarrow \Sigma S^1 = C_{a_k}/S^1$ , we apply an usual form of Dold-Thom Theorem to see that  $SP(C_{a_k}) \rightarrow SP(S^2)$  is a quasi-fibration with fiber  $SP(S^1)$ . Then we have exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_q(SP S^1) &\rightarrow \pi_q(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_q(SP S^2) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(SP S^1) \rightarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow \pi_2(SP S^1) &\rightarrow \pi_2(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_2(SP S^2) \\ &\rightarrow \pi_1(SP S^1) \rightarrow \pi_1(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_1(SP S^2) \end{aligned}$$

We can conclude that  $\pi_q(SP C_{a_k}) = 0$  for any  $q \neq 0, 1$  and:

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_2(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_2(SP S^2) = \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_1(SP S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \pi_1(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow 0$$

exact. Where  $\partial$  is defined by:

$$\pi_2(SP S^2) \cong [D^2, S^1, *; SP C_{a_k}, SP S^1, *] \ni f \mapsto f|_{S^1} \in [S^1, S^1]_*$$

(Now we want to show that  $\partial$  is multiplication by  $k$ )

The  $1 \in \mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_2(SP S^2)$  is represented by  $[i_2 : S^2 \hookrightarrow SP S^2]$ .

Since  $[D^2, S^1, *; SP C_{a_k}, SP S^1, *] \xrightarrow{p_*} [D^2, S^1; SP S^2, *]$  is isomorphism,

and the map  $\varphi : (D^2, S^1) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{e^2} \cup a_k} (C_{a_k}, S^1) \hookrightarrow (\text{SP } C_{a_k}, \text{SP } S^1)$  satisfy  $p \circ \varphi = i_2$ , the  $1 \in \mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_2(\text{SP } C_{a_k}, \text{SP } S^1)$  is represented by  $\varphi$ . Then we have  $\partial(1)$  is represented by  $\varphi|_{S^1} = i_1 \circ a_k$  where  $i_1 : S^1 \hookrightarrow \text{SP } S^1$ .

The map  $\partial$  is  $\mathbb{Z} \ni n \mapsto kn \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $[i_1 \circ a_k] = k$ .

Therefore  $\pi_2(\text{SP } C_{a_k}) = 0$  and  $\pi_1(\text{SP } C_{a_k}) = \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$ .

□

**Proposition 3.14.** *For each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{SP}(S^n \cup_{\Sigma^{n-1}a_k} e^{n+1})$  is a  $K(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, n)$ .*

**Proof.** For  $q \geq 1$ ,  $\Sigma(S^q \cup_{\Sigma^{q-1}a_k} e^{q+1}) \approx \Sigma S^q \cup_{\Sigma^q a_k} \Sigma e^{q+1} = S^{q+1} \cup_{\Sigma^q a_k} e^{q+2}$  since  $\Sigma$  is left adjoint of  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbf{TOP}_*$  and the pushout is took in  $\mathbf{TOP}_*$ . Observe that  $\pi_q(\text{SP } X) \cong \pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } \Sigma X)$ , now we have done.

□

Since  $\tilde{H}_n(X) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X \cup C*) \cong H_n(X, *)$ , we have

$$\pi_n(\text{SP}(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i)) = \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i) \cong H_n(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i, *) \cong H_n(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \prod_{i \in I} *) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_n(X_i, *) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \pi_n(\text{SP } X_i)$$

We can deduce the following proposition immediately:

**Proposition 3.15.** *For finitely generated abelian group  $G \cong (\bigoplus_r \mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathbb{Z}/d_i \mathbb{Z})$ , (where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , each  $d_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) we have  $\text{SP}((\bigvee_r S^n) \vee (\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} (S^n \cup_{a_{d_i}} e^{n+1})))$  is a  $K(G, n)$ .*

Since every abelian group  $G$  have a free resolution sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

exact. And for every group  $G = F(X)/\langle Y \rangle_{nor}$  (where  $F(X) := \prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z}_x$  is the free group functor and  $\langle Y \rangle_{nor}$  is the normal subgroup generated by  $Y$ ), we have:

$$1 \rightarrow \prod_{y \in \langle Y \rangle_{nor}} \mathbb{Z}_y \xrightarrow{f: 1_y \mapsto y} \prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z}_x \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

exact.

Next proposition allows to construct spaces  $M(\bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}, n)$  and  $M(\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}, 1)$ :

**Definition 3.4.** For  $n > 1$ ,  $G$  an abelian group, we have exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

Then we have: (with  $\phi$  is the map obtained using lemma 3.8)

$$\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \xrightarrow{\phi} \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n \rightarrow C_\phi$$

the **Moore space** of type  $(G, n)$  is defined as  $M(G, n) := C_\phi$ .

For  $n = 1$ ,  $G$  a group, we have exact sequence:

$$1 \rightarrow \prod_{y \in \langle Y \rangle_{nor}} \mathbb{Z}_y \xrightarrow{f: 1_y \mapsto y} \prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z}_x \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

Then we have: (with  $\phi$  is the map obtained using lemma 3.8)

$$\bigvee_{y \in \langle Y \rangle_{nor}} S_y^1 \xrightarrow{\phi} \bigvee_{x \in X} S_x^1 \rightarrow C_\phi$$

the **Moore space** of type  $(G, 1)$  is defined as  $M(G, 1) := C_\phi$ .

**Proposition 3.16.**  $\pi_n(M(G, n)) = G$

**Proof.** For  $n > 1$ , use diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & M_\phi \\ & \nearrow i & \uparrow j \left( \begin{smallmatrix} \simeq \\ \simeq \end{smallmatrix} \right)^p \\ X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Y \end{array}$$

To see:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_n(M_\phi) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \longrightarrow \cdots \\ & & \uparrow \cong & \searrow \phi_* & \uparrow j_* \cong & & \downarrow q_* \\ & & \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a & \xrightarrow{f} & \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b & & \pi_n(M(G, n)) \end{array}$$

Where  $q_*$  is induced by  $q : (M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \rightarrow (C_\phi, *)$ .  $\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected, implies  $\pi_{n-1}(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) = 0$ .  $(M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n)$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected due to lemma 1.13. Therefore we have  $q_*$  is isomorphism using lemma 3.2. Diagram above reduces to:

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b \rightarrow \pi_n(M(G, n)) \rightarrow 0$$

For  $n = 1$ , use Seifert-van Kampen theorem. □

**Proposition 3.17.** For any  $n \geq 1$  and any group morphism  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  there exist morphism  $f_M : M(G, n) \rightarrow M(G', n)$  such that  $f_{M*} = f$ .

**Proof.** We have following for  $n > 1$ : (since free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is projective)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a & \xrightarrow{i} & \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b & \xrightarrow{q} & G \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow r_1 & & \downarrow r_0 & & \downarrow f \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{a' \in A'} \mathbb{Z}_{a'} & \xrightarrow{i'} & \bigoplus_{b' \in B'} \mathbb{Z}_{b'} & \xrightarrow{q'} & G' \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

And we have following for  $n = 1$ : (where  $i(1_{1_a 1_b (1_{a \cdot b})^{-1}}) := 1_a 1_b (1_{a \cdot b})^{-1}$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \coprod_{(a,b) \in (G,G)} \mathbb{Z}_{1_a 1_b (1_{a \cdot b})^{-1}} & \xrightarrow{i} & \coprod_{g \in G} \mathbb{Z}_g & \xrightarrow{q} & G \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow r_1 & & \downarrow r_0 & & \downarrow f \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \coprod_{(a',b') \in (G',G')} \mathbb{Z}_{1_{a'} 1_{b'} (1_{a' \cdot b'})^{-1}} & \xrightarrow{i'} & \coprod_{g' \in G'} \mathbb{Z}_{g'} & \xrightarrow{q'} & G' \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

We could obtain: (use lemma 3.8)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n & \longrightarrow & C_\phi \\ \chi_1 \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow \chi_0 & & \downarrow f_M \\ \bigvee_{a' \in A'} S_{a'}^n & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & \bigvee_{b' \in B'} S_{b'}^n & \longrightarrow & C_{\phi'} \end{array}$$

Finally we have: (use universal property of cokernel)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_* = i} & \pi_n(\bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(C_\phi) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow \chi_{1*} = r_1 & & \downarrow \chi_{0*} = r_0 & & \downarrow f_{M*} = f \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\bigvee_{a' \in A'} S_{a'}^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi'_* = i'} & \pi_n(\bigvee_{b' \in B'} S_{b'}^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(C_{\phi'}) \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

□

**Theorem 3.18.**  $\text{SP}(M(G, n))$  is a  $K(G, n)$  if  $G$  is abelian.

**Proof.** In the construction of Moore spaces, we have: (use notations in the construction)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n \\
& \searrow & \downarrow \simeq \\
& & M_\phi \longrightarrow C_\phi
\end{array}$$

which induces quasi-fibration  $\text{SP } M_\phi \rightarrow \text{SP } C_\phi$  with fiber  $\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$ . Then we have long exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \pi_q(\text{SP } M_\phi) \rightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } C_\phi) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Sequence above says if  $q \neq n$  and  $q \neq n+1$ , then  $\pi_q(\text{SP } C_\phi) = 0$ . If  $q = n+1$ , we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(C_\phi) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*} & \pi_n(\text{SP } \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n) \longrightarrow \pi_n(C_\phi) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a & \xrightarrow{f} & \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

We have  $\pi_{n+1}(C_\phi) = 0$  since  $\phi_*$  is monomorphism.

□

*Note.* We have two equivalent ways to construct ordinary homology theory with coefficient  $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$  from  $H_n(-, -; \mathbb{Z})$ :

1. Tensor cellular chain complex with  $G$ :  $C_*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G$  (differentials are  $d_n \otimes \text{id}_G$ )
2.  $H_n(X, A; G) := \tilde{H}_n((X \cup CA) \wedge M(G, n))$

*Note.* Construction of Eilenberg Mac-Lane space using Moore spaces is limited, there is another construction of  $K(G, n)$  allows non-abelian group  $G$  for  $n = 1$ . (use geometric realization)

**Definition 3.5.** The **weak product** of pointed  $\{Z_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  spaces is

$$\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}}^{\circ} Z_i := \varinjlim_{S \in \text{Fin}(\mathbb{N})} \left( \prod_{i \in S} Z_i \right)$$

whose underlying set is:

$$\{(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Z_i \mid \text{only finite } a_i \text{ is not } *\}$$

Theorem following shows why  $K(G, n)$  is important:

**Theorem 3.19.** If  $Y$  is a path-connected commutative associative  $H$ -space with strict identity ( $1 \cdot y = y$ ), then there is a weak equivalence

$$\prod_{n \geq 1}^{\circ} K(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$$

Moreover, we have weak equivalence

$$\prod_{n \geq 1} K(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$$

**Proof.** Take free resolution of  $\pi_n(Y)$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \xrightarrow{\gamma} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b \xrightarrow{q} \pi_n(Y) \rightarrow 0$$

(for  $n = 1$ , replace  $\bigoplus$  with  $\coprod$ ). and obtain:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n & \longrightarrow & C_\phi \cong M(\pi_n(Y), n) \\ \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} g'_b & & \downarrow f'_n \\ * & \xrightarrow{i} & Y & \longrightarrow & C_i \simeq Y \end{array}$$

where  $[g'_b] = q(1_b)$ . We have  $f'_{n*} : \pi_n(M(\pi_n(Y), n)) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y)$  is an isomorphism. Construct  $f_n'^k : \prod_k M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} f_n'^k : \prod_k M(\pi_n(Y), n) &\rightarrow Y \\ (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) &\mapsto f(a_1) \cdot f(a_2) \cdots f(a_k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $- \cdot - : Y \times Y \rightarrow Y$  is the  $H$ -multiplication on  $Y$ .

Strict identity, commutativity and associativity says it is homotopically unique rel  $*$ .

Therefore we have a well-defined map  $f_n^k : \mathrm{SP}^k M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$  (for each  $k$ ) which commutes with inclusion  $\mathrm{SP}^k \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SP}^{k+1}$ .

Directly from above, we have  $f_n : \mathrm{SP} M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$  induces isomorphism on  $\pi_n(-)$ . (in case  $n = 1$ ,  $\pi_1(Y)$  is abelian since  $Y$  is a commutative  $H$ -space)

Similarly we have  $f : \mathrm{SP}(\bigvee_n M(\pi_n(Y), n)) \rightarrow Y$  obtained from  $\bigvee_n f'_n : \bigvee_n M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$ .

$\mathrm{SP}(\bigvee_n M(\pi_n(Y), n)) \approx \prod_n \mathrm{SP} M(\pi_n(Y), n)$  since we have  $\mathrm{SP}(X_1 \vee X_2) \approx \mathrm{SP} X_1 \times \mathrm{SP} X_2$  and  $\mathrm{SP}$  commute with directed colimit. We can deduce that  $f|_{\mathrm{SP} M(\pi_n(Y), n)} = f_n$  from construction of the homeomorphism.

Last,  $\prod_{n \geq 1} K(\pi_n(Y), n) \hookrightarrow \prod_{n \geq 1} K(\pi_n(Y), n)$  is weak homotopy equivalence since  $S^n$  have compact image. (is homotopy equivalence since they are CW-complexes)

□

**Corollary 3.20.** *If  $Y$  is a space, then there is a weak equivalence*

$$\prod_{n \geq 1}^{\circ} K(H_n(Y), n) \rightarrow \mathrm{SP} Y$$

Moreover, we have weak equivalence

$$\prod_{n \geq 1} K(H_n(Y), n) \rightarrow \mathrm{SP} Y$$

## 4 Cohomology and Spectra

### 4.1 Axiom for Cohomology and reduced Cohomology

**Definition 4.1.** An Unreduced **Generalized Cohomology Theory**  $(E^*, \delta)$  is a functor to the category of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded abelian groups:

$$E^*(-, -) : \mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}(\mathbf{2})^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

with a natural transformation of degree  $+1$ :

$$\delta_{n, (X, A)} : E^n(A, \emptyset) \rightarrow E^{n+1}(X, A) \text{ (called connecting homomorphism)}$$

satisfying following 3 axioms:

- **Homotopy Invariance:**

Homotopy equivalence of pairs  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  induces isomorphism

$$E^*(f) : E^*(Y, B) \rightarrow E^*(X, A)$$

- **Long Exact Sequence:**

Map  $A \hookrightarrow X$  induces a long exact sequence together with  $\delta$ :

$$\cdots E^n(X, A) \rightarrow E^n(X) \rightarrow E^n(A) \xrightarrow{\delta} E^{n+1}(X, A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where  $E^n(X) := E^n(X, \emptyset)$ .

- **Excision:**

If  $(X; A, B)$  is an **excisive triad** (that is,  $X = \overset{\circ}{A} \cup \overset{\circ}{B}$ ), then inclusion  $(A, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$  induces isomorphism

$$E^*(A, A \cap B) \cong E^*(X, B)$$

We say  $(E^*, \delta)$  is **additive** if in addition:

- **Additivity:**

If  $(X, A) = \coprod_{\lambda} (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda})$  in  $\mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}(\mathbf{2})$ , then inclusions  $i_{\lambda} : (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda}) \rightarrow (X, A)$  induces isomorphism

$$(\coprod i_{*, \lambda}) : E^*(X, A) \cong \coprod E^*(X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda})$$

We say  $(E^*, \delta)$  is **ordinary** if  $(E^*, \delta)$  satisfy all axioms above and:

- **Dimension:**

$$E^{* \neq 0}(*, \emptyset) = 0$$

An unreduced ordinary cohomology theory is called with coefficient  $G$  if  $E^0(*, \emptyset) = G$ .

**Definition 4.2.** An **Reduced Generalized Cohomology Theory**  $(\tilde{E}^*, \sigma)$  is a functor from opposite of category of pointed CW-complexes to the category of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded abelian groups:

$$\tilde{E}^*(-) : \mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}^{*/\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

with a natural isomorphism of degree +1:

$$\sigma : \tilde{E}^*(-) \cong \tilde{E}^{*+1}(\Sigma(-)) \text{ (called suspension isomorphism)}$$

satisfying following 2 axioms:

- **Homotopy Invariance:**

Homotopic pointed maps  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  induces same map:

$$\tilde{E}^*(f) = \tilde{E}^*(g) : \tilde{E}^*(Y) \rightarrow \tilde{E}^*(X)$$

- **Exactness:**

Pointed map  $i : A \hookrightarrow X$  and  $j : X \hookrightarrow C_i$  gives a exact sequence in  $\mathbf{Ab}^{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$\tilde{E}(C_i) \xrightarrow{\tilde{E}^*(j)} \tilde{E}^*(X) \xrightarrow{\tilde{E}^*(i)} \tilde{E}^*(A)$$

We say  $(\tilde{E}^*, \sigma)$  is **additive** if in addition:

- **Wedge Axiom:**

The canonical comparison morphism (induced by morphisms  $X_i \hookrightarrow \bigvee_i X_i$ )

$$\tilde{E}^*\left(\bigvee_i X_i\right) \rightarrow \prod_i \tilde{E}^*(X_i)$$

is isomorphism.

We say  $(\tilde{E}^*, \sigma)$  is **ordinary** if  $(\tilde{E}^*, \sigma)$  satisfy all axioms above and:

- **Dimension:**

$$\tilde{E}^{* \neq 0}(S^0) = 0$$

A reduced ordinary cohomology theory is called with coefficient  $G$  if  $\tilde{E}^0(S^0) = G$ .

*Note.* They are related to each other by  $E^*(X, A) := \tilde{E}^*(X \cup CA)$  and  $\tilde{E}^* := E^*(X, *)$ . (proof is omitted)

## 4.2 Brown Representability Theorem

We will prove that any additive reduced cohomology theory is naturally isomorphic to some  $[-, Y]_*$ .

**Definition 4.3.**  $C_0 := \text{Ho}(C)$ , where  $C$  is category of path-connected pointed CW-complexes.

**Definition 4.4.** A weak limit/colimit is just ordinary limit/colimit without the uniqueness its in universal property.

**Lemma 4.1.**  $C_0$  have weak coequalizers

**Proof.** If we have map  $f, g : A \rightarrow X$  in  $C_0$  then define  $Z := X_1 \cup_f (A \times I) \cup_g X_2 / (x, 0) \sim (x, 1)$  where  $X_1 = X \times \{0\}$ ,  $X_2 = X \times \{1\}$ .  $j : X \hookrightarrow Z$  is the weak coequalizer map.  $i : A \times I \hookrightarrow Z$  is the homotopy  $j \circ f \simeq j \circ g$ .

For  $s : X \rightarrow Y$  such that there is  $h : s \circ f \simeq s \circ g$ , we have  $s \cup h \cup s : X_1 \cup_f (A \times I) \cup_g X_2 \rightarrow Y$ , and it defines a map  $s' : Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $s' \circ j = s$ . □

**Lemma 4.2.** Suppose  $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of objects in  $C_0$  with for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i_n : Y_n \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1}$  is cofibration.

Let  $Y := \varinjlim_n Y_n$ , then there is coequalizer diagram:

$$\bigvee_n Y_n \xrightarrow[\bigvee_n \text{id}_{Y_n}]{\bigvee_n i_n} \bigvee_n Y_n \xrightarrow{\bigvee_n j_n} Y$$

where  $j_n : Y_n \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1} \hookrightarrow Y$ .

**Proof.**  $j_{n+1} \circ i_n = j_n \circ \text{id}_{Y_n}$ , and if we have  $g : \bigvee_n Y_n \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g \circ \bigvee_n i_n \simeq g \circ \bigvee_n \text{id}_{Y_n}$ . Define  $g_n := g|_{Y_n}$ , use induction on  $n$  and HEP of cofibration, we have  $g'_n \simeq g_n$  such that  $g'_{n+1} \circ i_n = g'_n$ , there data together defines a  $g' : Y \rightarrow Z$  satisfy desired properties. □

**Definition 4.5.** A **Brown functor** is a functor  $H : C_0^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{*/}$  send coproducts to products, weak coequalizers to weak equalizers:

$$H\left(\bigvee_i X_i\right) \cong \prod_i H(X_i)$$

If  $j : X \rightarrow Z$  is coequalizer of  $f, g : A \rightarrow X$ , then  $H(j) : H(Z) \rightarrow H(X)$  is equalizer of  $H(f), H(g) : H(X) \rightarrow H(A)$ .

*Note.* Every additive reduced cohomology theory  $\tilde{E}^n(-) : \mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CW}}^{*/\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{*/}$  is equivalent to a Brown functor.

**Definition 4.6.** Any  $u \in H(Y)$  determine a natural transformation  $T_u : [-, Y]_* \rightarrow H(-)$  by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X, Y] \ni f & \longmapsto & H(f)(u) \in H(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [X', Y] \ni f \circ a & \longmapsto & H(f \circ a)(u) \in H(X') \end{array}$$

where  $a \in [X', X]$ .

$u \in H(Y)$  is  **$n$ -universal** ( $n \geq 1$ ) if  $T_{u, S^q} : [S^q, Y]_* \rightarrow H(S^q)$  is isomorphism for  $1 \leq q \leq n-1$  and epimorphism for  $q = n$ .

$u \in H(Y)$  is **universal** if  $u$  is  $n$ -universal for all  $n \geq 1$ .

$Y$  is called an **classifying space** for  $H$  if there exists  $u \in H(Y)$  that is universal.

**Lemma 4.3.** If  $H$  is a Brown functor,  $Y, Y' \in C_0$ ,  $u \in H(Y)$ ,  $u' \in H(Y')$  are universal, and there is a map  $f : Y \rightarrow Y'$  such that  $H(f)(u') = u$ , then  $f$  is a weak equivalence.

**Proof.** Directly from  $T_{u,S^q}$ ,  $T_{u',S^q}$  are isomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_q(Y) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_q(Y') \\ & \searrow T_{u,S^q} & \downarrow T_{u',S^q} \\ & & H(S^q) \end{array}$$

□

**Lemma 4.4.** *If  $H$  is a Brown functor,  $Y \in C_0$  and  $u \in H(Y)$ , then there exists  $Y' \in C_0$  obtained from  $Y$  by attaching 1-cells, and a 1-universal element  $u' \in H(Y')$  such that  $H(i)(u') = u \in H(Y)$ . (where  $i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$ )*

**Proof.** Let  $Y' := Y \vee (\bigvee_{a \in H(Y)} S_a^1)$ ,  $H(i)$  is just projection:

$$H(Y') \cong (H(Y) \times \prod_{a \in H(S^1)} H(S_a^1)) \rightarrow H(Y).$$

$$\text{Let } g_a := S^1 \approx S_a^1 \hookrightarrow Y',$$

$$u' := (u, \prod_a a) \in H(Y) \times H(\bigvee_{a \in H(S^1)} S_a^1).$$

$$T_{u',S^1} : [S^1, Y']_* \rightarrow H(S^1) \text{ is epimorphism since } H(g_a)(u') = a \in H(S^1).$$

□

**Lemma 4.5.** *If  $H$  is a Brown functor,  $Y \in C_0$  and  $u \in H(Y)$  is  $n$ -universal ( $n \geq 1$ ), then there exists  $Y' \in C_0$  obtained from  $Y$  by attaching  $(n+1)$ -cells, and a  $(n+1)$ -universal element  $u' \in H(Y')$  such that  $H(i)(u') = u \in H(Y)$ . (where  $i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$ )*

**Proof.** Let  $K := \ker(T_{u,S^n})$ , we have:

$$* \rightarrow K \hookrightarrow [S^n, Y]_* \xrightarrow{T_{u,S^n}} H(S^n) \rightarrow *$$

Let  $Y_1 := Y \vee (\bigvee_{i \in H(S^{n+1})} S_i^{n+1})$ . We notice a cofib sequence:

$$\bigvee_{k \in K} S_k^n \xrightarrow{f} Y_1 \rightarrow C_f$$

where  $f := \bigvee_{k \in K} k$ . Let  $Y' := C_f$ .

$u_1 := (u, \prod_{a \in H(S^{n+1})} a) \in H(Y_1)$  where  $g_a := S^{n+1} \approx S_a^{n+1} \hookrightarrow Y_1$ . The cofib sequence is just a weak coequalizer diagram in  $C_0$ :

$$\bigvee_{k \in K} S_k^n \xrightleftharpoons[0]{f} Y_1 \longrightarrow Y'$$

Apply  $H$  on it:

$$H(Y') \longrightarrow H(Y_1) \rightrightarrows H(\bigvee_{k \in K} S_k^n)$$

We have  $H(f)(u_1) = \prod_{k \in K} H(k)(u_1) = \prod_{k \in K} H(k)(u) = \prod_{k \in K} T_{u,S^n}(k) = 0 = H(0)(u_1)$ .

By definition of weak equalizer, there exists  $u' \in H(Y')$  such that  $H(i)(u') = u \in H(Y)$ . ( $i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$ )

Verify that  $u'$  is  $(n+1)$ -universal:

$T_{u',S^{n+1}}$  is epimorphism since  $T_{u',S^{n+1}}(i_1 \circ g_a) = T_{u_1,S^{n+1}}(g_a) = a \in H(S^{n+1})$ .

Current goal is to prove  $T_{u',S^q}$ ,  $q \leq n$  are isomorphisms.

We have commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_{q+1}(Y', Y) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_q(Y') & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y', Y) \\ & & \downarrow T_{u,S^q} & & \downarrow T_{u',S^q} & & \\ & & & \swarrow & & & \\ & & & H(S^q) & & & \end{array}$$

And we notice that  $\pi_q(Y', Y) = 0$  for  $q \leq n$ . Then we have

$T_{u,S^q}$  is isomorphism for  $q < n$  and epimorphism for  $q = n$  implies that



$T_{u', S^q}$  is isomorphism for  $q < n$  and epimorphism for  $q = n$ .

For any  $k \in K \hookrightarrow \pi_n(Y)$ ,  $i \circ k = 0 \in \pi_n(Y')$ . That is,  $K \subseteq \ker(i_*)$ .

And we also have  $\ker(i_*) \subseteq K$ , since  $T_{u', S^n} \circ i_* = T_{u, S^n}$ .

$\ker(i_*) = K := \ker(T_{u, S^n})$  implies that  $T_{u', S^n}$  is isomorphism.

□

**Theorem 4.6.**  *$H$  is a Brown functor,  $Y \in C_0$  and  $u \in H(Y)$  then there is a classifying space  $Y'$  for  $H$  such that  $(Y', Y)$  is a relative CW-complex and the universal element  $u' \in H(Y')$  satisfying  $H(i)(u') = u$ . ( $i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$ )*

**Proof.** Construct spaces  $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $u_n \in H(Y_n)$  as following:

1.  $Y_0 := Y$ ,  $u_0 := u$
2.  $Y_1, u_1$  is obtained from lemma 4.4.
3. Use lemma 4.5 to construct  $Y_{n+1}, u_{n+1}$  from  $Y_n, u_n$ .

Let  $Y' := \varinjlim \{Y_0 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Y_n \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \dots\}$  then we have weak equalizer diagram:

$$H(Y') \longrightarrow \prod_n H(Y_n) \xrightarrow[\prod_n H(\text{id}_{Y_n})]{\prod_n H(i_n)} \prod_n H(Y_n)$$

and

$$(\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H(i_n))(\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n) = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H(\text{id}_{Y_n})(\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n)$$

(by  $H(i_n)(u_{n+1}) = u_n$ ) Then there exists  $u' \in H(Y')$  satisfying  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H(j_n) = u_n$ . (where  $j_n : Y_n \hookrightarrow Y'$ )

Verify that  $u'$  is universal:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_q(Y_{q+1}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y_{q+2}) & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y') \\ & & & \searrow & & & \downarrow \cong \\ & & & \cong & & & H(S^q) \\ & & & \searrow & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

(The isomorphisms in diagram are  $T_{u_{q+1}, S^q}$ ,  $T_{u_{q+2}, S^q}$ ,  $T_{u', S^q}$ ).

□

**Corollary 4.7.** *For any Brown functor  $H$ , there exist classifying spaces for  $H$  which are CW complexes.*

**Proof.** Use theorem 4.6 with  $Y = *$ .

□

**Lemma 4.8.**  *$H$  is a Brown functor,  $u \in H(Y)$  is a universal element,  $i : A \hookrightarrow X$  is a relative CW-complex. Given map  $g : A \rightarrow Y$  and  $v \in H(X)$  satisfy:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & H(X) \ni v & \\ & \downarrow & \\ H(Y) \ni u & \longrightarrow & H(A) \ni H(g)(u) = H(i)(v) \end{array}$$

Then exists map  $g' : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $g'|_A = g$  and diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & H(X) \ni v = H(g')(u) & \\ & \downarrow & \\ H(Y) \ni u & \xrightarrow{H(g')} & H(A) \end{array}$$

commutes.

**Proof.** Let  $(Z, j)$  be weak coequalizer of the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow i_1 \\ Y & \xrightarrow{i_2} & X \vee Y \end{array}$$

then we have weak equalizer diagram:

$$H(Z) \longrightarrow H(X) \times H(Y) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{H(i_1 \circ i)} \\ \xleftarrow{H(i_2 \circ g)} \end{array} H(A)$$

We also have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H(A) & \xleftarrow{H(i)} & H(X) \\ H(g) \uparrow & & \uparrow p_1 = H(i_1) \\ H(Y) & \xleftarrow[p_2 = H(i_2)]{} & H(X) \times H(Y) \end{array}$$

which implies  $H(i) \circ H(i_1)(v, u) = H(i)(v) = H(g)(u) = H(g) \circ H(i_2)(v, u)$ .

Then there is a element  $u^+ \in H(Z)$  such that  $H(j)(u^+) = (v, u)$ . Use theorem 4.6 to obtain relative CW-complex  $(Z', Z)$  and universal element  $u' \in H(Z')$  such that  $H(i_Z)(u') = u^+$ . ( $i_Z : Z \hookrightarrow Z'$ ) By lemma 4.3,  $j' := i_Z \circ j \circ i_2 : Y \hookrightarrow X \vee Y \hookrightarrow Z \hookrightarrow Z'$  is a weak equivalence. We also have diagram in  $\mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}^*$ : (since  $(Z, j)$  is weak coequalizer in  $C_0$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ g \downarrow & \not\sim & \downarrow i_Z \circ j \circ i_1 \\ Y & \xrightarrow{j'} & Z' \end{array}$$

Apply HELP:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g' & \downarrow i_Z \circ j \circ i_1 \\ Y & \xrightarrow{j'} & Z' \end{array}$$

and verify that  $H(g')(u) = H(g') \circ H(j')(u') = H(i_Z \circ j \circ i_1)u' = H(i_1) \circ H(j)(u^+) = H(i_1)(v, u) = v$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** *If  $Y$  is a classifying space for a Brown functor  $H$  and  $u \in H(Y)$  is a universal element, then  $T_u : [-, Y] \rightarrow H(-)$  is a natural isomorphism.*

**Proof.**  $T_{u,X}$  is epimorphism:

For  $v \in H(X)$ , use lemma 4.8 with  $(X, A) := (X, *)$  to obtain a map  $g' : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $T_{u,X}(g') = H(g')(u) = v$ .

$T_{u,X}$  is monomorphism:

Let  $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $T_{u,X}(f_1) = T_{u,X}(f_2)$ .

Define CW-complex  $X' := X \times I / \{*\} \times I$  with CW-structure  $X'^q = (X^q \times \partial I \cup X^{q-1} \times I) / \{*\} \times I$  for  $q \geq 0$ .

Define  $h : X' \rightarrow X$  by  $\overline{(x, t)} \mapsto x$  and define  $v \in H(X')$  by  $v = H(f_0 \circ h)(u)$ .

Let  $A' := X \vee X = X \times \partial I / \{*\} \times \partial I$ ,  $i : A' \hookrightarrow X'$  and define  $f : A' \rightarrow Y$  by  $(a, 0) \mapsto f_0(a)$ ,  $(a, 1) \mapsto f_1(a)$ . Then we have  $H(f)(u) = (H(f_0)(u), H(f_1)(u)) = (H(f_0)(u), H(f_0)(u)) = H(f_0 \circ h \circ i)(u) = H(i)(v)$ . Use lemma 4.8 with  $(X, A) = (X', A')$  to obtain a  $f' : X' \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f'|_{A'} = f$  and  $H(f')(u) = v$ .

$h : X \times I \rightarrow X' \xrightarrow{f'} Y$  is the desired homotopy  $g_0 \simeq g_1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.10.** *If  $Y, Y'$  are classifying spaces of a Brown functor  $H$ , and  $u \in H(Y), u' \in H(Y')$  are their universal elements, then there is a homotopy equivalence  $f : Y \rightarrow Y'$  which is unique up to homotopy and satisfy  $H(f)(u') = u$ .*

**Proof.** By theorem 4.9,  $T_{u', Y} : [Y, Y'] \rightarrow H(Y)$  is isomorphism. Then there is unique  $f : [Y, Y']$  such that  $T_{u', Y}(f) = u$ . (notice that  $T_{u', Y}(f) = H(f)(u')$ ) By lemma 4.3 and theorem 1.9,  $f$  is homotopy equivalence.  $\square$

**Definition 4.7.** A **sequential pre-spectrum** in topological spaces is:

- A  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded compactly generated space :  $X_* := \{X_n \in \mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CG}}^{*/}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .
- Structure maps :  $\{\sigma_n : \Sigma X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Map between sequential pre-spectra is map between  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded spaces  $f_n : X_n \rightarrow Y_n$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma X_n & \xrightarrow{\Sigma f_n} & \Sigma Y_n \\ \sigma_n \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma'_n \\ X_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} & Y_{n+1} \end{array}$$

commutes.

An  $\Omega$ -**prespectrum** is a sequential spectrum  $X_*$  with adjoints of structure maps  $\sigma_n : X_n \rightarrow \Omega X_{n+1}$  are weak equivalences.

For an  $\Omega$ -prespectrum  $X_*$ , we can extend it into a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded space by setting  $X_{-n} := \Omega^n X_0$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** *If  $(\tilde{E}^*, \sigma)$  is a reduced additive cohomology theory, then there exist homotopically unique  $\Omega$ -prespectrum  $Y_*$  (each  $Y_n$  is a CW-complex) such that  $E^n(-) \cong [-, Y_n]_*$  naturally. (naturality implies diagram below commutes)*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{E}^n(-) & \longrightarrow & [-, Y_n]_* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tilde{E}^{n+1}(\Sigma(-)) & \longrightarrow & [\Sigma(-), Y_{n+1}]_* \cong [-, \Omega Y_{n+1}]_* \end{array}$$

If  $Y_*$  is an  $\Omega$ -prespectrum, then  $\tilde{E}^n := [-, Y_n]_*$ ,  $\sigma_n : [-, Y_n]_* \rightarrow [-, \Omega Y_{n+1}]_* \cong [\Sigma(-), Y_{n+1}]_*$  is a reduced additive cohomology theory.

**Definition 4.8.** For an abelian group  $A$ , the **Eilenberg-Mac Lane prespectrum**  $KA_*$  is defined by  $KA_n := K(A, n)$ . Structure maps is  $KA_n \rightarrow M \rightarrow \Omega KA_{n+1}$  where  $M$  is a CW-approximation of  $\Omega KA_{n+1}$ , and homotopy equivalence  $KA_n \rightarrow M$  is obtained from corollary 4.10.

**Proposition 4.12.** *If a reduced additive cohomology theory  $\tilde{H}^*, \sigma$  is ordinary, then  $\tilde{H}^n(-) \cong [-, KA_n]_*$  naturally.*

**Proof.**

## 5 Towers And Homotopy Limits

### 5.1 Pointed and Unpointed Homotopy Classes

**Proposition 5.1.** *There are pointed spaces  $X, Y \in \mathbf{TOP}^{*/}$ , if  $X$  is well-pointed, then there is a right action of  $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$  on  $[X, Y]_*$ .*

**Proof.** The right action is given by:  $[f] \cdot [a] := [\hat{f}_{a,1}]$  where  $\hat{f}_{a,1} := \hat{f}_a(-, 1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{x_0} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * \times I & \longrightarrow & X \times I \\ & \searrow a \in \pi_1(Y, y_0) & \downarrow \hat{f}_a \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

(A curved arrow labeled  $f$  goes from  $X$  to  $Y$ , and a dashed curved arrow labeled  $\hat{f}_a$  goes from  $X \times I$  to  $Y$ .)

Verify it is well-defined:

By the property of closed cofibration,  $\hat{f}_a$  is unique up to homotopy, hence independent from choice of  $a \in [a]$  and  $f \in [f]$ .

Verify it is an group action:

If  $e$  is the constant loop in  $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$ , then  $\hat{f}_e(x, t) = f(x)$ .

If  $[a], [b] \in \pi_1(Y, y_0)$  then  $[f] \cdot [a] = [\hat{f}_{a,1}]$ ,  $([f] \cdot [a]) \cdot [b] = [(\hat{f}_{a,1})_b]$ . define

$$h : X \times I \rightarrow Y$$

$$(x, t) \mapsto \begin{cases} \hat{f}_a(x, 2t) & t \leq 1/2 \\ (\hat{f}_{a,1})_b(x, 2t - 1) & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

Since  $h(-, 0) = f$ ,  $h(x_0, -) = a \cdot b$   $h \simeq \hat{f}_{a \cdot b}$ .  $[f] \cdot ([a] \cdot [b]) = [\hat{f}_{a \cdot b}(-, 1)] = [h(-, 1)] = ([f] \cdot [a]) \cdot [b]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** If  $X, Y \in \mathbf{TOP}^{*/}$  there is a forgetful map  $\phi : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [X, Y]$  where  $[X, Y]$  is the **free** homotopy class of (not necessarily pointed) maps  $X \rightarrow Y$ . If  $(X, x_0)$  is well-pointed and  $Y$  is path-connected, then  $\phi$  induces bijection  $\bar{\phi} : [X, Y]_* / \pi_1(Y, y_0) \cong [X, Y]$ .

**Proof.**  $\bar{\phi}$  is well-defined:

For any  $a \in \pi_1(Y, y_0)$ ,  $f$  is freely homotopic to  $\hat{f}_a(-, 1)$ .

$\bar{\phi}$  is injective:

If we have  $\phi([f]) = \phi([g])$  which means there is free homotopy  $h : f \simeq g$ , let  $a := h(x_0, -)$ , then  $h \simeq \hat{f}_a$ ,  $[f] \cdot [a] = [h(-, 1)] = [g]$ .

$\bar{\phi}$  is surjective:

Suppose  $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{TOP}}(X, Y)$  is an unpointed map, choose a path  $a : g(x_0) \simeq y_0$ , extend  $a, g$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{x_0} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * \times I & \longrightarrow & X \times I \\ & \searrow a & \downarrow h \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

$g$  (curved arrow from  $X$  to  $Y$ )

$$\phi([h(-, 1)]) = [g].$$

$\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** If  $(W, e)$  is a well-pointed  $H$ -space,  $\mu : W \times W \rightarrow W$  is its  $H$ -multiplication. Then  $\mu$  is homotopic to another  $H$ -multiplication  $\mu'$  such that  $\mu'(-, e) = \text{id}_W = \mu'(e, -)$  is strict identity.

**Proof.** Let  $l := \mu \circ (e, \text{id}_W) \simeq \text{id}_W$ ,  $r := \mu \circ (\text{id}_W, e) \simeq \text{id}_W$ ,

$$h : W \vee W \times I \rightarrow W$$

$$(w, e, t) \mapsto r(w, t)$$

$$(e, w, t) \mapsto l(w, t)$$

Then we have diagram: (since  $W \vee W \rightarrow W \times W$  is cofib)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W \vee W & \longrightarrow & W \times W \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ W \vee W \times I & \longrightarrow & W \times W \times I \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow \hat{h} \\ & & W \end{array}$$

$\mu$  (curved arrow from  $W \times W$  to  $W$ )

$$\mu' := \hat{h}(-, -, 1).$$

$\square$

**Proposition 5.4.** *If  $(X, x_0)$  is well-pointed space,  $(W, e)$  is a well-pointed  $H$ -space, then  $\pi_1(W, e)$  acts trivially on  $[X, W]_*$*

**Proof.** For  $[f] \in [X, W]_*$ ,  $a \in \pi_1(W, e)$  define

$$\begin{aligned} h : X \times I &\rightarrow W \\ (x, t) &\mapsto \mu'(f(x), a(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$[f] \cdot [a] = [h(-, 1)] = [f] \text{ since } h \simeq \hat{f}_a.$$

□

**Corollary 5.5.** *If  $(X, x_0)$  is well-pointed space,  $(Y, e)$  is a well-pointed path-connected  $H$ -space, then  $\phi : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [X, Y]$  is a bijection.*

**Theorem 5.6.**  *$X$  is a space with every point well-pointed,  $\pi_{\leq 1}(X)$  is the fundamental groupoid of  $X$  there are functors*

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_n : \pi_{\leq 1}(X) &\rightarrow \mathbf{Grp} \\ x_0 &\mapsto \pi_n(X, x_0) \\ \text{Hom}_{\pi_{\leq 1}(X)}(x_0, x_1) \ni [a] &\mapsto ([S^n, X]_* \ni [f] \mapsto [\hat{f}_a(-, 1)]) \end{aligned}$$

with property : for every  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $[a] \in \text{Hom}_{\pi_{\leq 1}(X)}(x_0, x_1)$  diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_n(a)} & \pi_n(X, x_1) \\ f_* \downarrow & & \downarrow f_* \\ \pi_n(Y, f(x_0)) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_n(f \circ a)} & \pi_n(Y, f(x_1)) \end{array}$$

commutes.

**Lemma 5.7.** *Assume  $X, Y, Z$  are path-connected and well-pointed. Consider functor  $[-, Z]_*$  apply on **Barratt-Puppe sequence***

$$\cdots \rightarrow [\Sigma Y, Z]_* \xrightarrow{\Sigma f^*} [\Sigma X, Z]_* \xrightarrow{q^*} [C_f, Z]_* \xrightarrow{i^*} [Y, Z]_* \xrightarrow{f^*} [X, Z]_*$$

The sequence is exact (in category  $\mathbf{Set}^{*/}$ ), and we have following:

1.  $[\Sigma X, Z]_*$  acts from right on  $[C_f, Z]_*$ .
2.  $q^* : [\Sigma X, Z]_* \rightarrow [C_f, Z]_*$  is a map between right  $[\Sigma X, Z]_*$ -sets.
3.  $q^*([x]) = q^*([x'])$  iff exists some  $[y] \in [\Sigma Y, Z]_*$  such that  $[x] = \Sigma f^*([y]) \cdot [x']$ .
4.  $i^*([z]) = i^*([z'])$  iff exists some  $[x] \in [\Sigma X, Z]_*$  such that  $[z] = [z'] \cdot [x]$ .
5.  $\text{Im}(\Sigma q^* : [\Sigma^2 X, Z]_* \rightarrow [\Sigma C_f, Z]_*)$  is central subgroup of  $[\Sigma C_f, Z]_*$ .

**Proof.** 1. Define  $h$ -coaction map:

$$\begin{aligned} u_f : C_f &\rightarrow C_f \vee \Sigma X \\ (y, 0) &\mapsto (y, 0) \\ \overline{(x, t)} &\mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 2t)} \in C_f & t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2t-1)} \in \Sigma X & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_f & \xrightarrow{q} & \Sigma X \\ u_f \downarrow & & \downarrow u_X \rightarrow * \\ C_f \vee \Sigma X & \xrightarrow{q \vee \text{id}_{\Sigma X}} & \Sigma X \vee \Sigma X \end{array}$$

3.  $q^*([x]) = q^*([x']) \Leftrightarrow q^*([x] \cdot [x']^{-1}) = * \Leftrightarrow$  there exists some  $[y] \in [\Sigma Y, Z]_*$  such that  $[x] \cdot [x']^{-1} = \Sigma f^*(y)$ .

4. If  $i^*([z]) = i^*([z'])$ , then there are maps  $c \simeq z$ ,  $c' \simeq z'$  such that  $c|_Y = c'|_Y$ . (use HEP)  
Define

$$x : \Sigma X \rightarrow Z$$

$$\overline{(x, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} c'(x, 1 - 2t) & t \leq 1/2 \\ c(x, 2t - 1) & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

we have  $[c] = [c'] \cdot [x]$ .

5. Let  $G := [\Sigma C_f, Z]$ ,  $H := \text{Im}(\Sigma q^*)$ .  $\Sigma u_f$  gives the right action  $\star$  of  $H$  on  $G$ . It is different from the usual product  $\cdot$  (given by  $v_{\Sigma C_f}$ ) on  $G$ :

$$v_{\Sigma C_f} : \Sigma C_f \rightarrow \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1}$$

$$(c, t) \mapsto \begin{cases} (c, 2t)_0 & t \leq 1/2 \\ (c, 2t - 1)_1 & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Sigma u_f : \Sigma C_f \rightarrow \Sigma C_f \vee \Sigma^2 X$$

$$\overline{(y, 0, t)} \mapsto \overline{(y, 0, t)}$$

$$\overline{(x, s, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 2s, t)} \in \Sigma C_f & s \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s - 1, t)} \in \Sigma^2 X & s \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

And we have  $(g \star h) \cdot (g' \star h') = (g \cdot g') \star (h \cdot h')$ , which is equivalent to commutativity of diagram below.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \Sigma C_f & & \\ & \swarrow \Sigma u_f & & \searrow v_{\Sigma C_f} & \\ \Sigma C_f \vee \Sigma^2 X & & & & \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1} \\ & \searrow v_{\Sigma C_f} \vee v_{\Sigma^2 X} & & \swarrow \Sigma u_f \vee \Sigma u_f & \\ & \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1} \vee \Sigma^2 X_0 \vee \Sigma^2 X_1 & & & \end{array}$$

Verify the commutativity:

$$C_f \rightarrow \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1} \vee \Sigma^2 X_0 \vee \Sigma^2 X_1$$

$$\overline{(y, 0, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(y, 0, 2t)}_0 & t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(y, 0, 2t - 1)}_1 & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\overline{(x, s, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 2s, 2t)}_0 \in \Sigma C_{f_0} & s \leq 1/2, t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s - 1, 2t)}_0 \in \Sigma^2 X_0 & s \geq 1/2, t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s, 2t - 1)}_1 \in \Sigma C_{f_1} & s \leq 1/2, t \geq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s - 1, 2t - 1)}_1 \in \Sigma^2 X_1 & s \geq 1/2, t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

Final step:

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot h &= (g \star 1) \cdot (1 \star h) = (g \cdot 1) \star (1 \cdot h) \\ &= (1 \cdot g) \star (h \cdot 1) = (1 \star h) \cdot (g \star 1) = h \cdot g \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 5.8.** Assume  $X, Y, Z$  are path-connected and well-pointed. (dual version of lemma 5.7.)  
We have long exact sequence for any  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ : (in category  $\mathbf{Set}^{*/}$ )

$$\cdots \rightarrow [Z, \Omega X]_* \xrightarrow{\Omega f_*} [Z, \Omega Y]_* \xrightarrow{j_*} [Z, P_f]_* \xrightarrow{p_*} [Z, X]_* \xrightarrow{f_*} [Z, Y]_*$$

And we have following:

1.  $[Z, \Omega Y]_*$  acts from right on  $[Z, P_f]_*$ .
2.  $j_* : [Z, \Omega Y]_* \rightarrow [Z, P_f]_*$  is a map between right  $[Z, \Omega Y]_*$ -sets.
3.  $j_*([y]) = j_*([y'])$  iff exists some  $[x] \in [Z, \Omega X]_*$  such that  $[y] = \Omega f_*([x]) \cdot [y']$ .
4.  $p_*([z]) = p_*([z'])$  iff exists some  $[y] \in [Z, \Omega Y]_*$  such that  $[z] = [z'] \cdot [y]$ .
5.  $\text{Im}(\Omega j_* : [Z, \Omega^2 Y]_* \rightarrow [Z, \Omega P_f]_*)$  is central subgroup of  $[Z, \Omega P_f]_*$ .

Consider lemma 5.8 with  $f = i : F_b \hookrightarrow E$  is a obtained from a Hurewicz fibration  $p : E \rightarrow B$ .

**Lemma 5.9.** *If there is a surjective Hurewicz fibration  $p : E \rightarrow B$  between spaces with every point is well-pointed, and  $B$  is path-connected, then there are functors  $\Lambda_{E,p} : \pi_{\leq 1}(E) \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}^{*/})$  restricts to give group homomorphisms  $\pi_1(E, e) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}^{*/})}(F_e)$  (where  $F_e$  is the path-connected component of  $F_{p(e)}$  containing  $e$ ) and  $\Lambda_{B,p} : \pi_{\leq 1}(B) \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP})$  satisfying*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{\leq 1}(E) & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\leq 1}(p)} & \pi_{\leq 1}(B) \\ \Lambda_{E,p} \downarrow & \eta \swarrow & \downarrow \Lambda_{B,p} \\ \text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}^{*/}) & \xrightarrow{U} & \text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}) \end{array}$$

commutes up to a natural transformation  $\eta$ .

**Proof.** Construction of the two functors:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{B,p} : \pi_{\leq 1}(B) &\rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}) \\ b &\mapsto F_b := p^{-1}(b) \\ [\alpha : b \simeq b'] &\mapsto [\alpha^+(-, 1) : F_b \rightarrow F_b'] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha^+$  is given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_b \times \{0\} & \hookrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \alpha^+ & \downarrow p \\ F_b \times I & \longrightarrow & * \times I \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{E,p} : \pi_{\leq 1}(E) &\rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}^{*/}) \\ e &\mapsto (F_e, e) \\ [\gamma : e \simeq e'] &\mapsto [\gamma^+(-, 1) : (F_e, e) \rightarrow (F_e', e')] \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_e$  is path-connected component of  $F_{p(e)}$  containing  $e$ , and  $\gamma^+$  is given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_e \times \{0\} \cup \{e\} \times I & \xhookrightarrow{i \cup \gamma} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \gamma^+ & \downarrow p \\ F_e \times I & \longrightarrow & * \times I \xrightarrow{p \circ \gamma} B \end{array}$$

$\eta$  is defined by  $\eta_e : F_e \hookrightarrow F_{p(e)}$ .

Naturality is come from  $\gamma^+ \simeq (p \circ \gamma)^+|_{F_e \times I} \text{ rel } F_e \times \{0\}$ . (notice that natural transformation  $\{\eta_e\}$  are maps in  $\text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP})$ )

□

Use  $\Lambda_{E,p}|_e : \pi_1(E, e) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{Ho}(\mathbf{TOP}^{*/})}(F_e)$  in lemma 5.9 and composition  $[S^n, F_e]_* \times [F_e, F_e]_* \rightarrow [S^n, F_e]_*$  we obtain an  $\pi_1(E, e)$  action on  $[S^n, F_e]_* = \pi_n(F_e)$ .

**Lemma 5.10.** *Assume  $(Y, y_0)$  is an path-connected well-pointed space, let  $r : Y \rightarrow *$  be the trivial fibration, the  $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$  action on  $\pi_n(Y, y_0)$  induced by  $\Lambda_{Y,r}$  is equivalent to the  $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$  action on  $\pi_n(Y, y_0)$  in theorem 5.6*

**Proof.**

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^n \\
 & \swarrow & & \searrow & \downarrow f \\
 * \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^n \times I & & Y \\
 \downarrow \text{id}_I & & \downarrow f \times \text{id}_I & \nearrow \hat{f}_a & \downarrow \\
 * \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \times I & & Y \\
 & \searrow \alpha & & \nearrow a^+ & \\
 & & & & Y
 \end{array}$$

Notice that the map  $\hat{f}_a$  is homotopically unique. □

**Theorem 5.11.** Long exact sequence of a Hurewicz fibration  $(F, e) \xrightarrow{\iota} (E, e) \xrightarrow{p} (B, b)$  ending at  $\pi_1(B, b)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cdots \rightarrow [S^0, \Omega^n F]_* &\xrightarrow{\Omega^n \iota_*} [S^0, \Omega^n E]_* \xrightarrow{\Omega^{n-1} p_*} [S^0, \Omega^{n-1} P_\iota]_* \xrightarrow{q_*} [S^0, \Omega^{n-1} F]_* \rightarrow \cdots \\
 \cdots \rightarrow [S^0, \Omega F]_* &\xrightarrow{\Omega \iota_*} [S^0, \Omega E]_* \xrightarrow{p_*} [S^0, P_\iota]_* \\
 &(\xrightarrow{q_*} [S^0, F]_* \xrightarrow{\iota_*} [S^0, E]_*)
 \end{aligned}$$

is an exact sequence of  $\pi_1(E, e)$ -groups and therefore  $\pi_1(F, e)$ -groups.

In more detail, the following statement holds:

1. For  $g' \in \pi_1(F, e)$  and  $x \in \pi_n(F, e)$ ,  $g' \cdot_{\pi_1(F)} x = \iota_*(g) \cdot_{\pi_1(E)} x$ .
2. For  $g \in \pi_1(E, e)$  and  $x \in \pi_n(B, b)$ ,  $g \cdot_{\pi_1(E)} x = p_*(g) \cdot_{\pi_1(B)} x$ .
3. For  $g \in \pi_1(E, e)$  and  $x \in \pi_n(F, e) = [S^0, \Omega^n F]_*$ ,  $\iota_*(gx) = g\iota_*(x)$ .
4. For  $g \in \pi_1(E, e)$  and  $x \in \pi_n(E, e) = [S^0, \Omega^n E]_*$ ,  $p_*(gx) = gp_*(x)$ .
5. For  $g \in \pi_1(E, e)$  and  $x \in \pi_n(B, b) = [S^0, \Omega^{n-1} P_\iota]_*$ ,  $q_*(gx) = gq_*(x)$ .

**Proof.**

## A Long Proofs

### A.1 Proof of Dold-Thom Theorem

### A.2 Proof of Homotopy Excision Theorem

**Proof.** Follow notations in the statement of the theorem. Define (pointed) the triad homotopy group for  $q \geq 2$ :

$$\pi_q(X; A, B) := \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}})$$

where  $i_{B,X} : B \hookrightarrow X$ ,  $i_{C,A} : C \hookrightarrow A$  and  $P_f$  is the homotopy fiber

$$\{(y, \gamma) \in Y \times M(I, Z)_* \mid \gamma(1) = f(y)\}$$

of pointed map  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ . Use long exact sequence of pairs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cdots \rightarrow \pi_q(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) &\rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{B,X}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-2}(P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \cdots \\
 \cdots \rightarrow \pi_1(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) &\rightarrow \pi_0(P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_0(P_{i_{B,X}})
 \end{aligned}$$



and observe that  $\pi_q(P_{i_{X,B}}) \cong \pi_{q+1}(X, B)$  since for any  $f : S^q \rightarrow P_{i_{X,B}}$  we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 S^q & & & & \\
 \searrow f & \nearrow f' & & & \\
 & P_{i_{B,X}} & \longrightarrow & M(I, X)_* & \\
 \searrow g & \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow & \\
 & B & \longrightarrow & X & 
 \end{array}$$

use the fact  $f' \in M(S^q, M(I, X)_*) \cong M(S^q \wedge I, X)_* \ni f''$  and  $S^q \wedge I \approx D^{q+1}$  with

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^q &\hookrightarrow S^q \wedge I \approx D^{q+1} \\
 s &\mapsto (s, 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

the condition  $f'(s)(1) = g(s)$  is equivalent to  $f''((s, 1)) = g(s)$ , that is have a map  $f$  is equivalent to have a map  $f'' : (D^{q+1}, S^q) \rightarrow (X, B)$ . With the analogue statement also valid for homotopies  $S^q \times I \rightarrow P_{i_{X,B}}$ , we have  $\pi_q(P_{i_{B,X}}) = [S^q, *; P_{i_{B,X}}, *] \cong [D^{q+1}, S^q; X, B] = \pi_{q+1}(X, B)$ .

Rewrites the long exact sequence of pairs above to:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cdots &\rightarrow \pi_{q+1}(X; A, B) \rightarrow \pi_q(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_q(X, B) \rightarrow \pi_q(X; A, B) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(A, C) \rightarrow \cdots \\
 \cdots &\rightarrow \pi_2(X; A, B) \rightarrow \pi_1(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, B)
 \end{aligned}$$

Conditions  $m \geq 1, n \geq 1$  guarantees  $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(A)$  and  $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(B)$  are surjections.

$m \geq 2$  is equivalent to  $\pi_1(A, C) = 0$ , which implies  $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(A)$  is bijection.

For  $x \in \pi_0(A \cap_C B)$ , we can always find  $b \in \pi_0(B), i_{B,X} \ast(b) = x$  or  $a \in \pi_0(A), i_{A,X} \ast(a) = x$  which becomes  $b \in \pi_0(B), i_{B,X} \ast(b) = x$  or  $c \in \pi_0(C), i_{C,X} \ast(c) = x$  when  $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(A)$  is bijection. That is equivalent to  $\pi_0(B) \rightarrow \pi_0(X)$  is bijection, which means  $\pi_1(X, B) = 0$ .

We only need to show that for  $2 \leq q \leq m + n - 2$ ,  $\pi_q(X; A, B) = 0$ .

With  $J^{q-1} := (\partial I^{q-1} \times I) \cup (I^{q-1} \times \{0\})$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_q(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) &= [I^q, \partial I^q, J^{q-1}; P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}, *] \\
&= [I^q \wedge I; I^q, \partial I^q \wedge I, J^{q-1} \wedge I \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\
&:= \text{relative homotopy classes of pointed maps}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f : I^q \wedge I \rightarrow X \text{ satisfying: } \begin{cases} f(I^q) & \subseteq B \\ f(\partial I^q \wedge I) & \subseteq A \\ f(\partial I^q) & \subseteq C \\ f(J^{q-1} \wedge I) & = * \end{cases}$$

“relative” means the homotopy  $h$  determine the classes

$$\text{satisfy: } \begin{cases} h(I^q \times I) & \subseteq B \\ h((\partial I^q \wedge I) \times I) & \subseteq A \\ h(\partial I^q \times I) & \subseteq C \\ h((J^{q-1} \wedge I) \times I) & = * \end{cases}$$

(notice that  $\partial I^q \wedge I \cap I^q = \partial I^q$ , therefore  $f(\partial I^q) \subseteq A \cap B = C$ )

(this is called (relative) homotopy class of maps of tetrads)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [(I^q \times I)/K; I^q \times \{1\}, (\partial I^q \times I)/K, (J^{q-1} \times I)/K \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\
&\quad (K := I^q \times \{0\} \cup \{i_0\} \times I) \\
&= [I^{q+1}; (I^q \times \{1\}) \cup K, (\partial I^q \times I) \cup K, J^{q-1} \times I \cup K \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\
&= [I^{q+1}; I^q \times \{1\}, I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\} \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\
&\quad (\text{notice that } \partial I^q = \partial I^{q-1} \times I \cup I^{q-1} \times \{0, 1\})
\end{aligned}$$

We can assume that  $(A, C)$  have no relative  $q < m$ -cells and  $(B, C)$  have no relative  $q < n$ -cells. And we can assume that  $X$  has finite many cells since  $I^q$  is compact. For subcomplexes  $C \subseteq A' \subseteq A$ , where  $A = e^m \cup A'$  (attaching one cell from  $A'$ ). Let  $X' := A' \cup_C B$ , if the results hold for  $(X'; A', B)$  and  $(X; A, X')$ , then it hold for  $(X; A, B)$  since we have map between exact homotopy sequences of triples  $(A, A', C)$  and  $(X, X', B)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
\pi_{q+1}(A, A') & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(A', C) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(A, C) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(A, A') & \longrightarrow & \pi_{q-1}(A', C) \\
i_{2,q+1} \downarrow & & i_{1,q} \downarrow & & i_{3,q} \downarrow & & i_{2,q} \downarrow & & i_{1,q-1} \downarrow \\
\pi_{q+1}(X, X') & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(X', B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(X, B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(X, X') & \longrightarrow & \pi_{q-1}(X', B)
\end{array}$$

induced by inclusion  $(A, A', C) \hookrightarrow (X, X', B)$ . If the result hold for  $(X'; A', B)$  and  $(X; A, X')$ , maps  $i_{1,q}$ ,  $i_{2,q}$  are isomorphisms when  $1 \geq q \geq m+n-3$ , are epimorphisms when  $q = m+n-2$ . Notice the 5-lemma says that

if  $i_{1,q}$  and  $i_{2,q}$  are epimorphisms,  $i_{1,q-1}$  are monomorphism, then  $i_{3,q}$  is epimorphism.

if  $i_{1,q}$  and  $i_{2,q}$  are monomorphisms,  $i_{2,q+1}$  are epimorphism, then  $i_{3,q}$  is monomorphism.

We also have if  $C \subseteq B' \subseteq B$  with  $B = B' \cup e^n$ , the result hold for CW-triads  $(X'; A, B')$  and  $(X; X', B)$  where  $X' = A \cup_C B'$ , since  $(A, C) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$  factors as  $(A, C) \hookrightarrow (X', B') \hookrightarrow (X, B)$ .

Now we can assume that  $A = C \cup D^m$  and  $B = C \cup D^n$ .

The current goal of proof is to prove any

$$f : (I^{q+1}; I^q \times \{1\}, I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}) \rightarrow (X; B, A, *)$$

is nullhomotopic for any  $q+1$  with  $2 \leq q+1 \leq m+n-2$ .

For  $a \in \mathring{D}^m$ ,  $b \in \mathring{D}^n$  We have inclusions of based triads:

$$(A; A, A - \{a\}) \hookrightarrow (X - \{b\}; X - \{b\}, X - \{a, b\}) \hookrightarrow (X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\}) \hookleftarrow (X; A, B)$$

The first and the third induces isomorphisms on homotopy groups of triads since  $B$  is a strong deformation retract of  $X - \{a\}$  in  $X$  and  $A$  is a strong deformation retract of  $X - \{b\}$  in  $X$ .  $\pi_*(A; A, A - \{a\}) = 0$  since  $\pi_*(A, A - \{a\}) \rightarrow \pi_*(A, A \cap (A - \{a\}))$  are isomorphisms.

Current goal : choose good  $a, b$  to show  $f$  regarded as a pointed triad map to  $(X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\})$  is homotopic to a map

$$f' : (I^{q+1}; I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, I^q \times \{1\}, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}) \rightarrow (X - \{b\}; X - \{b\}, X - \{a, b\}, *)$$

if  $2 \leq q + 1 \leq m + n - 2$ .

*Note.* We want to homotopically remove some point  $f^{-1}(b)$ , first we may want to construct some Urysohn function  $u$  separating  $f^{-1}(a) \cup J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}$  and  $f^{-1}(b)$  and construct homotopy of cube  $h^+ : (r, s, t) \mapsto (r, (1 - u(r, s)t)s)$  wishing that  $f(h^+(r, s, 1))$  would miss  $b$ . The problem in this method is that points  $f^{-1}(b)$  in the cube would be homotopically replaced by other points. Since our desire homotopy does not change the first  $q$  coordinates of the cube, we want to separate  $p^{-1}(p(f^{-1}(a))) \cup J^{q-1} \times I$  and  $p^{-1}(p(f^{-1}(b)))$  (where  $p : I^q \times I \rightarrow I^q$ ). Our problem is to find suitable  $a, b$  such that  $p(f^{-1}(a)) \cap p(f^{-1}(b)) = \emptyset$ .

We use manifold structure on  $D^m$  and  $D^n$  to achieve it, now we homotopically approximate  $f$  by a map  $g$  which smooth on  $f^{-1}(D_{<1/2}^m \cup D_{<1/2}^n)$ .

Let  $U_{<r} := f^{-1}(D_{<r}^m \cup D_{<r}^n)$ , Use smooth deformation theorem to construct smooth map (for any  $0 < \epsilon$ )  $g' : U_{<3/4} \rightarrow D_{<3/4}^m \cup D_{<3/4}^n$  with homotopy  $h_1 : g' \simeq f|_{U_{<3/4}}$  (and bound  $|g'(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$  for any  $x \in U_{<1}$ ) and take partition of unity  $\{\rho, \rho'\}$  with subcoordinates  $\{I^{q+1} - U_{<1/2}, U_{<3/4}\}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} g &:= \rho f + \rho' g' \\ h_2 : g &\simeq f \text{ rel } (I^{q+1} - U_{<3/4}) \\ h_2 : I^{q+1} \times I &\rightarrow X \\ (x, t) &\mapsto \rho(x)f(x) + \rho'(x)h_1(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

with scalar multiplication and addition is already defined on smooth structure on  $D_{<3/4}^m \cup D_{<3/4}^n$ . We could assume that  $g(I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$  (which implies  $g$  is a map of tetrads to  $(X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\}, *)$ ) and  $g(I^q \times \{1\}) \cap D_{<1/2}^m = \emptyset$  since  $f(I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I) \subseteq A$  and  $f(I^q \times \{1\}) \subseteq B$  and we can always tighten the bound  $\epsilon$ , (Similar argument also hold for  $h_2$ , then we have  $h_2 : g \simeq f$  as homotopy between maps of tetrads.)

Use the manifold structure to find good  $(a, b)$ :  
 $V := g^{-1}(D_{<1/2}^m) \times g^{-1}(D_{<1/2}^n)$  is a sub-manifold of  $I^{2(q+1)}$ . Consider  $W := \{(v, v') \in V \mid p(v) = p(v')\}$ , which is the zero set of smooth submersion  $(v, v') \mapsto p(v) - p(v')$ .  $W$  is smooth manifold with codimension  $q$ . Therefore the map  $(g, g) : W \rightarrow D_{<1/2}^m \times D_{<1/2}^n$  is smooth map between manifolds of dimension  $q + 2$  and  $m + n$ . The map is not surjection since  $q + 2 < m + n$ . Then we have  $(a, b) \notin (g, g)(W)$  (that is,  $p(g^{-1}(a)) \cap p(g^{-1}(b)) = \emptyset$ ).

Since  $g(I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$  and  $g(J^{q-1} \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$ , we have  $g(\partial I^q \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$ . By Urysohn's lemma, we have  $u : I^q \rightarrow I$  separating  $p(g^{-1}(a)) \cup \partial I^q$  and  $p(g^{-1}(b))$ . Finally we have:

$$\begin{aligned} h' : I^q \times I \times I &\rightarrow I^q \times I \\ (r, s, t) &\mapsto (r, (1 - u(r)t)s) \end{aligned}$$

and  $h := g \circ h'$ ,  $f' := h(-, 1)$ .  $f'(I^{q+1}) \cap \{b\} = \emptyset$  since if  $\exists(r, s) \in I^q \times I$ ,  $f'(r, s) = b$ , then  $b = g(r, (1 - u(r))s) = g(r, 0) = *$  leads to contradiction.

Last step is to check that  $h$  is a homotopy between maps

$$(I^{q+1}; I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, I^q \times \{1\}, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}) \rightarrow (X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\}, *)$$

Since  $g$  is,  $g \circ h'$  is too.

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