

Introduction to Spectra:

$[X, Y] \leftarrow$ homotopy classes of maps.

$[X, *], [Y, *] \leftarrow$ based maps.

$$\pi_n(X) = [(S^n, *), (X, *)] := [S^n, X]_*$$

$X \rightarrow Y$ weak equivalence, if $\pi_n(X) \cong \pi_n(Y)$

Top_* closed, symmetric monoidal under $\wedge$ product,
 $\text{Hom}_{\text{Top}_*}(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Top}_*}(X, F(Y, Z))$

For homotopy theory we restrict to GWH / 'spaces'



Exercise: Show $\pi_n(X)$ is abelian for $n \geq 2$

Eckmann-Hilton: $(G, +, 0), (G, \cdot, 1)$

two monoids,

$$(a+b) \cdot (c+d) = (a \cdot c) + (b \cdot d) \quad \forall a, b, c, d$$

$$\text{Hom}(G, +, 0) = (G, \cdot, 1)$$

abelian group.

$$F(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong F(X, F(Y, Z))$$

choose $Y = S^1$,

$$F(X \wedge S^1, Z) \cong F(X, F(S^1, Z))$$

$$F(\Sigma X, Z) \cong F(X, \Omega Z)$$

$$\pi_0(F(X, Y)) = [S^0, F(X, Y)] \cong [S^0 \wedge X, *Y] = [X, Y]$$

$$\pi_0(F(\Sigma X, Z)) \cong \pi_0(F(X, \Omega Z))$$

$$[\Sigma X, Z] \cong [X, \Omega Z] \leftarrow \text{loop-suspension adjunction!}$$

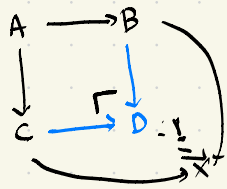
$$F(X, Y) = \{ (X, *) \rightarrow (Y, *) \}$$

compact open top.

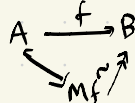
Computing the homotopy groups are hard!

To understand this let's see what tools we use for computing homology. (Co)

n-pushout: (1973)



$$D = B \cup_A C = \frac{B \cup C}{\substack{b \sim c \text{ if } \exists a. \\ f(a) = b, g(a) = c}}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^1 & \longrightarrow & D^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D^2 & \longrightarrow & S^2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^1 & \longrightarrow & * \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * & \longrightarrow & * \end{array}$$

$$H_2(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}, \\ H_2(*) = 0.$$

cofiber replacement:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^1 & \longrightarrow & M^* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow h_T \\ M^* & \longrightarrow & \Delta^2 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow g & \searrow h & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & D \end{array}$$

$\cong$

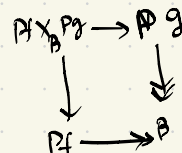
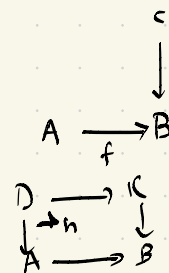
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & M_f \\ \downarrow g & \searrow h & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & D \end{array}$$

$$M_f := \frac{A \times I \cup B}{\substack{(a, 0) \sim b \\ b \sim f(a)}}$$

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(B) \oplus H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

(co) - homology Mayer-Vietoris sequence $\leftarrow$ (crucial player)

n-pullback:



$$P_f = \{ (x, y) \mid \substack{A \times B \xrightarrow{f} C \\ \gamma(0) = f(x), \gamma(1) = f(y)} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_n(D) \rightarrow \pi_n(A) \oplus \pi_n(C) \rightarrow \pi_n(B) \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(D) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$D = \{ (x, y, \gamma) \mid f(x) = \gamma(0), g(y) = \gamma(1) \}$$

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$$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow \cdots \text{ LES in homotopy } n\text{-cofiber seq}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_f & \longrightarrow & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$

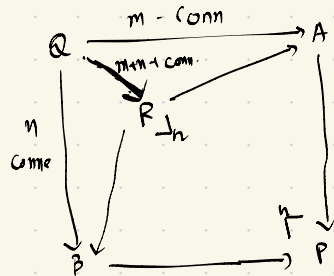
$$P_f \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow \cdots \text{ LES in homotopy fiber sequence}$$

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That means we really want a pushout version! $\leftarrow$ we want n-pushout and pullback to coincide.

Blakers-Massey Excision:

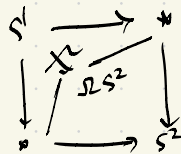


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We want to get rid of this connectivity!

$$A \rightarrow B \quad n \text{ connected} \quad n-1$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega A \rightarrow \Omega B. \quad (n-1) \text{ connected.}$$

$$A \rightarrow \Omega A$$

loop space

$$[\Omega^{n-2}, \Omega A] \rightarrow [\Omega^{n-2}, \Omega B].$$

$$[\Omega^{n-1}, A] \rightarrow [\Omega^{n-1}, B].$$

$$\Omega^2(A) \rightarrow \Omega^2(B) \quad (n-2) \text{ connected.}$$

$$A^2 \rightarrow B^2 \quad n \text{ connected.}$$

$$\text{if } \exists A': \Omega A' = A^2 = \Omega B^2.$$

$$A^2 \rightarrow B^2 \quad (n+1) \text{ connected. ? right?}$$

$$\pi_n(A) \twoheadrightarrow \pi_n(B) \quad [\Omega^n A'] \rightarrow [\Omega^n B']$$

$$\xrightarrow{\sim} [\Omega^{n-1}, A'] \xrightarrow{\sim} [\Omega^{n-1}, B']$$

delooping increases connectivity.

$$A \rightrightarrows \Omega A \rightrightarrows \Omega^2 A \rightrightarrows \dots$$

$$X := X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$$

$$X_1 \cong \Omega X_2, \quad X_2 \cong \Omega X_3.$$

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega X_{n+1}$$

Ω -spectrum! $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Model thm} \\ \cdot 1972 \text{ (May Operads)} \\ \cdot 1973 \text{ (Barrattman-Vogt)} \\ \cdot 1974 \text{ (Kegal R-spaces)} \\ \cdot 1978 \text{ (May, Thomason) showed} \\ \text{they are equivalent in homotopy cat.} \end{array} \right.$

$$X_0 \cong \Omega X_1$$

$$\Sigma X_0 \longrightarrow X_1$$

Now define spectrum:

$$(X.) \quad \begin{array}{c} \Sigma^0 X_0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} \Sigma^1 X_1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} \Sigma^2 X_2 \dots \\ \downarrow \delta_0 \quad \downarrow \delta_1 \quad \downarrow \delta_2 \quad \dots \\ X_0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} X_1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} X_2 \dots \end{array}$$

$$S, \quad \begin{array}{c} S^0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} S^1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} S^2 \dots \\ \downarrow \delta_0 \quad \downarrow \delta_1 \quad \downarrow \delta_2 \quad \dots \\ S^0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} S^1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} S^2 \dots \end{array}$$

$$\Omega^\infty X,$$

• homotopy pushout and pullback coincide.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X. & \longrightarrow & Y. \\ \downarrow & \eta \downarrow & \\ Z. & \longrightarrow & W. \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} X_n & \longrightarrow & Y_n \\ \downarrow & \eta \downarrow & \downarrow \delta_n Y \\ Z_n & \longrightarrow & W_n \\ & \searrow \delta_n^Z & \downarrow \delta_n W \\ & & Z_{n+1} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & Y_{n+1} \\ \downarrow & \eta \downarrow & \downarrow \delta_{n+1} Y \\ Z_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & W_{n+1} \end{array}$$

• coproduct and product coincide, $X \vee Y \cong X \times Y$.

Eilenberg - MacLane Spectra: introduce it.

$$K(A, n) \quad , \quad \pi_i(K(A, n)) = \begin{cases} A & i = n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_i(\Omega K(A, n)) &= \pi_{i+1}(K(A, n)) \\ &= \begin{cases} A & i+1 = n \\ 0 & i \neq n-1 \end{cases} \\ &= \pi_i(K(A, n-1)).\end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega K(A, n) \cong K(A, n-1).$$

$A \rightsquigarrow HA \leftarrow \text{elementary - mac lane spectra}$
 $\wedge$
 $Ab \quad Sp$

Singular Homology, $\tilde{H}^n(X, A) \cong [X, K(A, n)]$
brown representability.

Reduced Cohomology theories:

A reduced cohomology is a sequence of functors,

$$h^i : \text{Top}_n^{op} \longrightarrow \text{Ab} \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z},$$

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 together with, natural suspension isos,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h^i(X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & h^{i+1}(\Sigma X) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 h^i(Y) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & h^{i+1}(\Sigma Y)
 \end{array}$$

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$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Homom.} \quad X \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f_1} \\ \text{is} \\ \xrightarrow{f_2} \end{matrix} Y \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad h^1(x) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{h^1(f_1)} \\ \parallel \\ \xrightarrow{h^1(f_2)} \end{matrix} h^1(y)$$

② Ex: $A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow C_f$ homotopy cofiber sequence

$$H^i(C_*) \longrightarrow H^i(B) \longrightarrow H^i(A) \text{ is exact}$$

③ Additivity: $\{X_i\}$ be collection of point spaces,

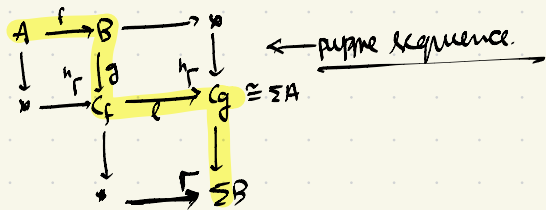
$$h^i(V, X_i) \cong \prod_j h^i(X_j)$$

Remark: There is another axiom, dimension axiom.

$$n^i(s) = \begin{cases} z & t=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

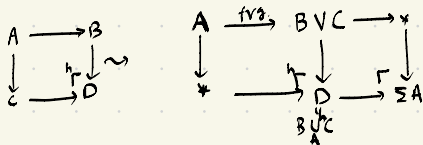
we don't include it, because $\exists$! cohomology theory satisfying all of them namely singular cohomology.

long exact sequence:



$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow H^i(\Sigma B) &\rightarrow H^i(\Sigma A) \rightarrow H^i(C_4) \rightarrow H^i(B) \rightarrow H^i(A) \rightarrow \dots \\ H^i(B) &\rightarrow H^i(A) \rightarrow H^i(C_4) \rightarrow H^i(B) \rightarrow H^i(A) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Myer Vietoris Sequence:



BVC U x

$$\begin{aligned} f \vee g(a) &\sim * \\ &= f(a) \sim * \sim g(a) = BV_A^1 C \end{aligned}$$

from law

$$\dots \rightarrow h^i(\Sigma A) \rightarrow h^i(D) \rightarrow h^i(B) \oplus h^i(C) \rightarrow h^i(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Thm: X be an Ω -spectrum.

$$h^n(\gamma) = \begin{cases} [\gamma, x_n] & n \geq 0. \\ [\gamma, \alpha^{-n} x_0] & n < 0. \end{cases}$$

is a reduced cohomology theory (its called generalized cohomology theory represented by X).

converse of the theorem is also true
and called Brown's Representability.