

## Stable homotopy theory

Poincaré duality:  $M$  closed,  
oriented  $n$ -manifold

$$\Rightarrow H_k(M) \cong H^{n-k}(M).$$

Alexander duality:  $X$  closed  
subset of  $S^n$

$$\tilde{H}_k(S^n - X) \cong \tilde{H}^{n-k-1}(X)$$

Objective: These theorems are  
part of more general results  
about "dual objects" in  
"stable homotopy theory"

Last time: defined homotopy groups.

$$S^1 \quad \pi_k(S^1) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=1 \\ 0 & k \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R} \\ \downarrow \\ S^1 \end{array} \quad \text{cov space}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^1 & \rightarrow & S^3 \\ & & \downarrow \eta \\ & & S^2 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \pi_k(S^2) \cong \pi_k(S^3) \\ \text{if } k \geq 3 \\ \pi_2 S^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}. \end{array}$$

$\eta$ : Hopf map

Homology :  $\leadsto$  excision

Suspension iso -

$$\tilde{H}_{k+1}(\Sigma X) \cong \tilde{H}_k(X).$$

But it is not true that

$$\pi_{k+1}(\Sigma X) \cong \pi_k(X).$$

Def:  $X$  is said to be  $k$ -conn

if  $\pi_i(X) = 0 \quad \forall i \leq k$

Freudenthal suspension thm

$X$   $(k-1)$ -conn.

$$\pi_r(X) \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \pi_{r+1}(\Sigma X) \cong \begin{cases} \cong & \text{if } r \leq 2k-2 \\ \text{surj} & r = 2k-1 \end{cases}$$

# Stable homotopy groups

$$\pi_k^s(X) = \varinjlim_n \pi_{k+n}(\Sigma^n X)$$

$$S^{k+n} \rightarrow \Sigma^n X \rightsquigarrow_{\Sigma} S^{k+n+1} \rightarrow \Sigma^{n+1} X$$

$$k \geq 0$$

Fr. sus. thm  $\Rightarrow$  the maps in  $\varinjlim$  are isos after a finite stage.

$$\pi_k^s(S^0) \quad k=0 \quad \pi_n S^n \quad n \gg 0 \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$k=1 \quad \pi_{n+1} S^n \quad n \gg 0 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$$

gen by  $\Sigma^{n-2} \eta$ .

Stable homotopy classes of maps.

$$\{X, Y\} = \varinjlim_n [\Sigma^n X, \Sigma^n Y]_*$$

Spanier Whitehead category

SW : objects : CW complexes

Maps :  $\{-, -\}$

Example :

$$\eta : S^3 \rightarrow S^2$$

$$\Sigma^2 \eta \in \{S^3, S^2\}$$

$$\eta \in \{S^1, S^0\}$$

$$C\eta = ?$$

$$C \Sigma^2 \eta \cong \Sigma^2 C\eta$$

$$\cong \mathbb{C}P^2$$

$C\eta$  does not exist in SW.

Def: A spectrum  $X$  is a sequence of spaces  $\{X_n\} +$  structure maps  $\Sigma X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$

Maps between spectra:

A map  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a sequence of maps  $X_n \rightarrow Y_n$  which commutes with the str. maps.

LATER:  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

Def:  $X$  space

$\Sigma^\infty X$ : suspension spectrum  
of  $X$

$(\Sigma^\infty X)_n = \Sigma^n X$  & the  
str. maps are identity.

$\text{Top}_+$   $\xrightarrow{\Sigma^\infty}$  Spectra  
 $\xleftarrow{\Omega^\infty}$

$\Omega^\infty : Y \mapsto Y_0.$

$\Sigma^\infty$  is left adjoint to  $\Omega^\infty$ .

defn: Homotopy gps.

$X$  spectrum

$$\pi_k(X) = \varinjlim_n \pi_{k+n}(X_n)$$

• Are defined for  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\cdot \pi_k(\Sigma^\infty X) \cong \pi_k^s(X).$$

(0 if  $k < 0$ .)

def: A weak equivalence

of spectra is a map

which induces an iso-on

all  $\pi_k$ .



Example Eilenberg Mac Lane  
spectra.

$A$  abelian

$K(A, n)$  satisfies

$$\pi_r(K(A, n)) = \begin{cases} 0 & r \neq n \\ A & r = n \end{cases}$$

$$K(A, n) \simeq \Omega K(A, n+1)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \Sigma K(A, n) \rightarrow K(A, n+1)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow HA \text{ sit. } HA_n = K(A, n)$$

$$\pi_k HA = \begin{cases} A & k = 0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$X$  spectrum:  $\Sigma X$  by

$$(\Sigma X)_n = \Sigma X_n$$

$$\Sigma^{-1} X : (\Sigma^{-1} X)_n = X_{n-1}$$

$$(\Sigma^{-1} X)_0 = *$$

$$\Sigma \Sigma^{-1} = \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma$$

$$\Sigma \Sigma^{-1} X \rightarrow X$$

$$\left[ n: \Sigma X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\quad} X_n \right]$$

str map

is a weak equiv. of spectra

Mapping cones : defined levelwise

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Def:  $X$  is said to be an  $\Omega$ -spectrum if the adjoint of the structure maps  $X_n \rightarrow \Omega X_{n+1}$  are weak equiv of spaces.

Examples: HA

$$\Omega^2 \mathbb{Z} \times BU \simeq \mathbb{Z} \times BU \quad [\text{Bott periodicity}]$$

$$\simeq \mathbb{Z} \times BU, \Omega(\mathbb{Z} \times BU), \mathbb{Z} \times BU, \dots$$

$KU \downarrow$  Complex K-thy

# Homotopy classes of maps

$X, Y$  spectra  $\text{Map}(X, Y)$

$Y$  is an  $\Omega$ -spectrum: <sup>space</sup>

$$\{X, Y\} := \pi_0 \text{Map}(X, Y).$$

Thm: For every spectrum

$X$ ,  $\exists$   $\Omega$ -spectrum  $LX$

$\dagger$  map  $X \rightarrow LX$  which

is a weak equiv.

Cofibre seq,

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow cf \rightarrow \Sigma X \rightarrow \dots$$

$\{-, W\} \rightsquigarrow$  long exact  
sequences.

$\{W, -\} \rightarrow$  long exact  
sequences.

$\pi_k^S$  : homology theory

# Smash product of spectra

$X, Y$  spectra

$$(X \wedge Y)_n \sim \bigvee_{0 \leq k \leq n} X_k \wedge Y_{n-k}$$

Problem: defining str maps

# Function spectrum

$X, Y$  spectra

$$F(X, Y)_n \sim \text{Maps}(X, \Sigma^{-n} Y)$$

similar problem

THEOREM: There is a category  
Quillen equiv to the category  
of spectra which is  
closed symmetric monoidal  
recovering the homotopical  
smash product & function  
spectrum described here.

The unit object is  $\mathbb{S} = \bigvee_{\mathbb{N}} S^0$ .

Symmetric spectra / orthogonal  
spectra

• Construction using  
operads.