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- Introduction

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Local Systems are Representations of π_1

X algebraic varieties / \mathbb{C}

topological space associated to X (X^{top}) (assume connected)

Ex: $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ $X^{\text{top}} \subseteq \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$ same space subset
but w/ analytic topology

we'll basically be talking about local systems on
 X^{top} (may drop top-superscript)

local system $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$ representations $\rho: \pi_1(X^{\text{top}}, x) \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$

what is the idea behind local systems?

This basic theme is common in math

Galois Theory $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$ Local systems of finite sets over $\text{Spec}(k)$, $k = \text{field}$ (Grothendieck's interpretation)

Riemann surfaces: local systems of sets over $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

Liouville, etc \rightarrow systems of O.D.E's
Riemann-Hilbert Correspondence

Riemann-Hilbert - what monodromy systems can you get

Picard-Lefschetz theory - start of Hodge theory

X you get a local system L on Y
 \downarrow
 Y $L_Y = H^i(X_Y, \mathbb{C})$

It turns out that these things have a lot of interesting structure.

Topological world

complex analysis

Algebraic World

an algebraic map

a local system \leftarrow

(just a variation on)
 $X \mapsto X^{top}$

if we have a local system

$\xrightarrow{\text{complex analytic}}$
 (vector bundle w/
 connection)
 (E, ∇)

$L = E^\vee$

GAGA \Rightarrow
 algebraic

$$E^\vee = L \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \Theta \quad \nabla =$$

considered
 as a
 sheaf

Question: Explain more how we go from
alg map to local system?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & & f \text{ smooth, projective} \\ f \downarrow & & \\ Y & & L = R^i f_* \mathcal{O} \end{array}$$

if not smooth/projective get something a
bit more complicated
constructible
sheaves

Weil, Grothendieck, Deligne \leadsto do "local systems"
 étale topology, number theory, geometry/ \mathbb{F}_p
 This motivated a lot of stuff: Deligne motivated
 by Hodge theory

The study of situations like X
 $\downarrow f$
 Y

led to Griffiths's theory of variations of Hodge theory
 (VHS = variation Hodge str.)
 we get extra structure (E, ∇) vector bundle w/
 connection associated to one of our topological ~~systems~~
 local systems. $L = \mathbb{R}^i \otimes \mathbb{C}$

$$\text{Hodge filtration: } H^i(X, \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{p+q=i} H^{p,q}(X, \mathbb{C})$$

$$F^p = \sum_{p \geq q} H^{p,q} \subseteq E \quad \text{holomorphic subbundle}$$

$H^{p,q} \subseteq E$ are just C^∞ subbundles
 + flat hermitian form $\langle, \rangle \dots$
 + more

New in the 1980's: Local systems can
 vary

$$\text{Rep}(\pi_1) / \sim = \{ \rho \in \pi_1(X^{\text{top}}, x) \rightarrow \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{C}) \} = \mathcal{O} \subseteq \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{C}) / \sim$$

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subset defined by relations

Donaldson's new proof of a theorem of Wasserman ^{Spelling?}
Seshadri

1960's : { Unitary Reps } = { Stable bundles }

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Topologists using the character variety $\text{Rep}(\pi_1) / \sim$
= $\mathcal{X}(\pi_1)$
to study Smith conjecture

Moser-Wiels: deformations of \mathbb{Q}_p -local systems
generalized Ihara: rank 1 case

How does that ^{structure} interact

How does a ~~the~~ structure of a varying local system interact w) the algebraic structure of the variety?

Hitchin: generalizing N-S ~~conjecture~~ theorem
to complex groups
(Corlette & Donaldson)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Rep} \\ \rho: \pi_1(X, x) \rightarrow G(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) \end{array} \right\} \mapsto \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Higgs bundles} \\ (E, \phi) \\ E \text{ a real line bundle} \\ \phi: E \rightarrow E \otimes \Omega_X^1 \\ \phi \wedge \phi: E \rightarrow E \otimes \Omega_X^2 \text{ is } = 0 \\ \text{semistable} \\ c_i = 0 \text{ in } H^{2i}(X, \mathbb{Q}) \end{array} \right.$$

N.S. case:

$$\rho: \pi_1 \rightarrow U(n) \mapsto (E, \phi = 0)$$

How does this ~~become~~ become non-Abelian Hodge Theory?

Nonabelian interpretation of this correspondence

$$\{ \rho: \pi_1 \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \} = H^1(X^{\text{top}}; GL(n, \mathbb{C}))$$

\uparrow non-abelian

local system \leftrightarrow cocycle $(\phi_{ij} \in GL(n, \mathbb{C})$
 for $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$
~~we~~ assume $U_i \cap U_j$
 contractible
 $g_{jk} \cdot g_{ij} = g_{ik}$ if $U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k \neq \emptyset$

assume
 $U_i \cap U_j$ is either
 empty or ~~is~~ contractible
 so our cocycles
 go w/ the non-empty
 intersections

Observation: an (E, ϕ) can
 be viewed as a nonabelian
 Dolbeault cohomology

Recall $H_{\text{Dol}}^1(X) = H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \oplus H^0(X, \mathcal{R}_X)$

$$= H^1(A^0(X), \bar{\partial})$$



(E, ϕ)

E a vector bundle
 $\in H^1(X, GL(n, \mathbb{C}))$

ϕ : a relation $H^0(\text{End}(E) \otimes \mathcal{K}^x)$
twisted form of
of the Lie algebra
 $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$

Q: Smith conjecture
if you rotate S^1 around the knot its the unknot?

Flat to Harmonic Bundles

Corlette - Flat G -bundles w/ canonical metrics
Motivating Picture (Kempf + Ness:)

G semi-simple alg group / \mathbb{C}
 V cplx vector space w/ hermitian form h
 $G \curvearrowright V$ linearly

Define an orbit of G to be stable if it is closed and of maximal dim amongst closed orbits

observation Gv is stable iff Gv preserves a shortest vector

(h comes in only at the last moment?)

G.I.I $K \subset G$ K a stabilizer of h
 K compact

\exists moment map for the K -action
 $M: V \rightarrow K^*$

Thm: $\mu(v) = 0$ iff v is the shortest vector in Gv

Carlette's set up : M a compact Riemann manifold

G as before

$$P \cong SK_n(\mathbb{C})$$

$$K = S(U_n)$$

$K \subset G$ max

\downarrow
 M

principal G -bundle

wt fixed reduction of the structure group to K

$\mathcal{L}^\infty =$ smooth $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$ -connections on P

$$\pi'(P) \otimes \mathfrak{g} \cong \pi'(M, \text{ad}(P)) \cong \mathfrak{g} \times_G P$$

affine

L^2 metric on \mathcal{L}^∞ from integrating $g^* \otimes h$

g^* on $T^*(M)$

h on $\text{ad}(P)$

$\mathcal{G} =$ group of gauge transformations of P

$$\text{Aut}(P) \cong \Gamma(G \times_{\text{Ad}} P)$$

analog of $G \curvearrowright V$

$\mathcal{U}^K =$ K -trans gauge transformations preserving the hamilt metric on P (or K -structure on P)

Carlette : \exists moment map for the action of $\mathcal{U} \curvearrowright \mathcal{L}^\infty$

$$\Phi : \mathcal{L}^\infty \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}^*$$

lie algebra of \mathcal{U}

~~= skew adj~~ skew adjoint

sections of $\text{ad}(P)$

(linearization of sections that preserve the K structure)

slight digression: If D is a connection on \mathcal{F}

~~is a connection~~ can split $D = D^+ + \theta$

~~(E, K)~~

preserves K structure
(the skew adjoint part)

self adjoint part of D

means adjoint of D^+

$\Phi_D := D^{+,*} \theta$ ~~is~~ θ is a 1-form so ~~is~~ will be a 0-form

Thm: $d \|\theta_D\|_{L^2}^2(\xi) = d^i \langle \Phi_D, \xi \rangle$

This is restricted to the G -orbit of D

i.e. fix a G orbit =

Thm (Corlette) D is stable, flat then \mathcal{F} is G -orbit on G -orbit of D on which $\Phi_D = 0$

Equivalently: \mathcal{F} hermitian metric on \mathcal{F} for which Φ_D vanishes

Corlette: D stable \Leftrightarrow holonomy of D is not entirely contained in ~~the~~ a parabolic subgroup of ~~the~~ G .

(in easy cases just irreducible representation)

In the second formulation: D flat on P
K-structures on P

$\tilde{M} \twoheadrightarrow M$
universal cover

$$\Gamma(G/K \times P) = Q$$

$p^*Q \rightarrow M$ ← trivial bundle
because it preserves
a flat connection
coming from D

$f := \text{section } \tilde{M} \rightarrow G/K$ (fibred structure on G/K from holonomy on Q)
Riemannian

f descends to define a harmonic metric if

$p: \tilde{M} \rightarrow G/K$ is $\pi_1 M$ equivariant

Furthermore, $\Phi_p = 0$ actually $\Rightarrow \Phi$ is harmonic as Riem-manifolds

Method of developing correspondence

solve $A_t \leftarrow$ family of connections

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = D_A \Phi_A$$

using other formulations

$$\frac{dg}{dt} g^{-1} = \Phi g \quad \& \quad g \text{ a gauge trans}$$

the derivative moved back to the Lie algebra

A note on $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dA_t}{dt} = -DA\Phi A \\ \frac{dg}{dt} g^{-1} = \Phi g \end{array} \right\}$

Eells - Sampson -

$f: M \rightarrow N$ Riemannian

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negative curvature

~~heat flow~~

f + heat equation + negative curvature
G/K always has ~~neg curvature~~ sectional non-positive curvature

— energy minimizing $\hat{=}$ same as harmonic
energy = L^2 norm of Φf

Bochner Formula (where does this go?)

$\mu: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Delta \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \mu|^2 + \text{Ric}(\nabla \mu, \nabla \mu)$

$f: N \rightarrow M$

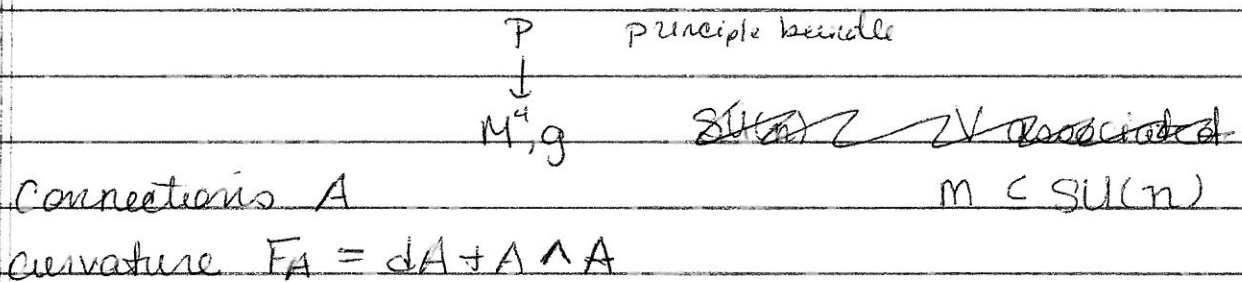
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strongly negative curvature

$\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \xi^\alpha \xi^\beta \xi^\gamma \xi^\delta > 0$

~~what's the exact~~

Higgs to Harmonic

Yang-Mills equations come from physics



YM Functional - can write in 2 ways

$$\|F_A\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{M^4} |F_A|^2 \text{dvol}$$
$$= \underbrace{- \int_M \text{Tr} F_A \wedge * F_A}_{\text{more convenient}}$$

$$A \rightarrow A + \delta A$$

$$\delta F_A = d\delta A + \delta A \wedge A + A \wedge \delta A$$
$$= d_A \delta A$$

$$\delta_i F_A \wedge * F_A = \delta_i F_A \wedge * F_A + F_A \wedge * \delta_i F_A$$
$$= 2 d_A \delta A \wedge * F$$

$$\delta(\text{YM}) = 2 \int \text{Tr} d_A \delta A \wedge * F$$

$$= 2 \int \text{Tr} \delta A \wedge d_A * F$$

YM: $d_A * F_A = 0$

$$* : \Lambda^2 \rightarrow \Lambda^2$$

$* = 1$ eigenvalues $\neq 1$

$$F = F^+ + F^-$$

$$F = *F \quad d_A * F_A = d_A F_A = 0 \quad \underline{\text{Self Dual}}$$

$$F = -*F \quad d_A * F_A = -d_A F_A = 0 \quad \underline{\text{Anti Self Dual}}$$

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X a complex surface. Suppose P $SU(2)$ -bundle
 \downarrow hermitian
 X

E the associated bundle to P

$$E = \mathbb{C}^2 \times P, \quad h = \text{hermitian metric}$$

\downarrow
 X

Fact! If E is a smooth vector bundle
w/ hermitian form.

E
 \downarrow
 $X \leftarrow \text{hol manifold}$

$$\bar{\partial}_E : \mathcal{J}_0^{1,0}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_0^{0,1}(E)$$

$$\text{furthermore } \bar{\partial}_E(fx) = (\bar{\partial}f)_v + f \cdot \bar{\partial}_E v \quad \& \quad \bar{\partial} \circ \bar{\partial} = 0$$

Then \exists holomorphic structure on E s.t.
 ∂_E is the $\bar{\partial}$ operator on $\mathcal{L}(E)$

Any Hermitian, hol, v.b. admits a unique
 Hermitian connection D such that $D'' = \bar{\partial}_E$
 $(E, h, \bar{\partial}_E)$

\downarrow
 \times

- point: there is a 1-1 correspondence

- the curvature of such a connection is of $(1,1)$ -type

- (E, h) smooth herm v.b. and D is hermit connection s.t.
 F_D is a $(1,1)$ -type then $\exists!$ hol. structure of E making
 D the hermitian connection of $(E, h, \bar{\partial}_E)$

Hermitian-Einstein connections / Mabius

$S(U(n))$ -connection \tilde{D}

P principal $S(U(n))$ -bundle

\downarrow

$X \leftarrow$ compact Kähler
 surface

$E :=$ ass Her bundle

$D =$ connection induced on
 E by \tilde{D}

$h =$ herm metric on E

Prop: If \tilde{D} is anti self dual then

$\square F_D$ is of $(1,1)$ type

$\square F_D \wedge \omega = 0$

$\} is Hermitian-Einstein
 condition$

(Def of h being Hermitian-Einstein)

Def: E hol v.B $h = \text{herm metric}$



X Kähler surface

$$F_h \wedge \omega = \mu \cdot \omega^2 \cdot \frac{rk E}{2} \cdot Id$$

$$(F_h \wedge \omega = c \cdot \omega \cdot Id)$$

ex: X Kähler $TX = E$; h hermitian, Def, struct
then H-E is the condition

$$Ric = \mu \cdot g$$

$$\left(\mu = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(X)} \frac{\text{deg } E}{rk E} ; \text{deg}(E) = \int_X c(E) \wedge \omega \right)$$

Main Thm

Any stable holomorphic v.B / X
where X is compact Kähler admits a unique
H-E connection

Stable means "slope stable"

$$L \subseteq E \quad \text{deg } L < \frac{1}{2} \text{deg } E$$

$$SD = \text{Self Dual} = F_A = \sum F_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

We can look for solutions to the self duality problem

- Also look for solutions which are invariant (variables don't depend on) 2 coordinates

$$d+A =$$

$$A = \sum A_i dx^i = A_1 dx^1 + A_2 dx^2 + \phi_1 dx^3 + \phi_2 dx^4$$

$$F_{12} = F_{34} \quad F_{13} = F_{43} \quad F_{14} = F_{23}$$

$$F_{ij} = [\partial_i + A_{ij}]$$

rewrite these curvature equations

in terms of Higgs fields ϕ_1, ϕ_2

$$\cancel{D_i = \partial_i + A_i}$$

$$\Phi = \phi_1 + i\phi_2$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} [\Phi, \Phi^*]$$

Self duality equations

$$(1) F_A = -[\Phi, \Phi^*]$$

$$A = A_1 dx^1 + A_2 dx^2$$

$$(2) D_A'' \Phi = 0$$

~~Φ is a 0 form~~

If you have a solution to the S.D. equations ~~(A, Φ)~~

$(A, \Phi) \rightsquigarrow$ holomorphic structure on E
 \uparrow
 $\mathcal{Z}^{0,0}(\text{End}(E))$

~~Eq.~~

Ex: $\Phi = 0$. Flat connection

$$\text{Ex: } K = K^{1/2} \oplus K^{1/2} \quad V = K^{1/2} \oplus K^{1/2}$$

tautological
 Higgs

$$K^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \Phi$$

\uparrow an element of $\text{Hom}(K, K)$

$$F = -2 \underbrace{\text{hd}}_w z d\bar{z}$$

in previous theorem $D^+ + \Phi$

$$D = D_A + \phi + \Phi^*$$

$$D^2 = F_A + (\cancel{\phi^2} + \phi\phi^* + \phi^*\phi + \cancel{\phi^*\phi^*})$$

$= 0$ if self duality equations are satisfied

Every Flat connection can be produced from a solution to the self duality equations

~~$\forall \alpha \in \text{Hom}^{1,0}(\text{End}(V))$~~

(V, Φ) is there an A which satisfies self duality?

Yes

Start w/ Higgs $(V, \Phi) \rightsquigarrow$ hermitian h

\rightsquigarrow A connection

\rightsquigarrow run through self dual

\rightsquigarrow which is equivalent to harmonic

$p: Y \rightarrow X$ a local epi of presheaves

~~$B\mathcal{G}(p)$~~
 $\mathcal{G}(p)$

\xrightarrow{k} Com Spectra

A_2 -cat

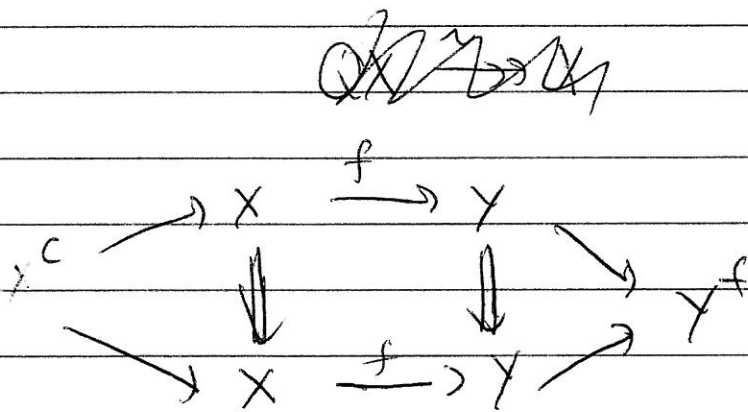
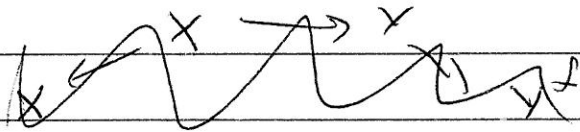
$X \rightarrow Y$

$\pi_0 X \rightarrow \pi_0 Y$

$\pi_n(X, x) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y, y)$

is of groups

$$\text{Map}^h(X, Y) = \text{Hom}(X^c, Y^f)$$



$$\text{Map}^h(X, Y)$$

$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{H}_0}(e) (X, Y)$

$$A \parallel A \xrightarrow{1 + i} A \wedge I \xrightarrow{1} A$$

~~$X \rightarrow X \times X$~~

$$X \xrightarrow{\sim} X^I \xrightarrow{1} X \times X$$

II Homotopy Theory of Simplicial Sets / Homotopy Theory of Topological Spaces

A. A simplicial set is a functor $\Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

X_n is called the n -simplices of X

A simplicial map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a natural transformation

(1) Ex: Suppose that a category \mathcal{C} is small in the sense that morphisms, $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ and objects $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ are sets.

If \mathcal{C} is a small category there is a simplicial set BC

$$BC_n = \text{hom}(-n, \mathcal{C})$$

$$\text{functors } [n] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

(simplicial structure comes from precomposition)

BC = classifying space or nerve

(Ex 2) Suppose I is a small cat

$X: I \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is a set valued funct

The category of elements (or slice cat
or translation category)

$$* / X = E_I(X)$$

associated to X has as objects all pairs
 (i, x) w/ $x \in X(i)$ ~~or equivalently~~

(just functions $* \xrightarrow{x} X(i)$)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{x} & X(i) \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \alpha_x \\ & y & X(j) \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{x} & X(i) \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \alpha_x \\ & y & X(j) \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{morphism} \\ \alpha: (i, x) \rightarrow (j, y) \end{array}$$

$B(E_I X)$ is called the homotopy
colimit for the functor X
~~chain~~

$$\underline{\text{holim}}_I X = B(E_I X)$$

0-simplices colim? .?

B. Axioms

(technically)

MC1: Finite limits and colimits exist \leftarrow Closed model / eat

MC2: Weak equiv satisfy 2-out-of-3

MC3: If f is a retract of g

less important
probably irrelevant

Ex: In Mod_R X is a retract of Y iff \exists a module Z such that $Y \cong X \oplus Z$

Ex: If $f, g \in \text{Mor}(E)$ f is a retract of g if the object of $\text{Mor}(E)$ represented by f is a retract of the object of $\text{Mor}(E)$ represented by g

in pictures

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y & \xrightarrow{r} & X \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ X' & \xrightarrow{i'} & Y' & \xrightarrow{r'} & X' \end{array}$$

r_i and r'_i are identity maps

important

MC4:
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \rightarrow & C \\ \downarrow i & \xrightarrow{h} & \downarrow p \\ B & \rightarrow & D \end{array}$$
 liftings

MC5: f can be factored

Simplicial Presheaves

I. Model Categories and Simplicial Sets.

A. Def: A model cat is a category w/
3 distinguished classes of morphisms

(1) Why have a model structure?

we want to localize a category \mathcal{C}
at its weak equivalences \rightsquigarrow we have
a class of maps we want to behave
like isomorphisms. Problem: If we
just invert weak equivalences we have
no idea what \mathcal{C} will be (it might not
even be a category). The model
structure allows us to say what $H_0(\mathcal{C})$
is

$$H_0(\mathcal{C}) \text{ has same objects as } \mathcal{C}$$
$$\text{Hom}_{H_0\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(RQX, RQY) / \sim$$

where \sim is homotopy equivalence.

Ex 2 Expanded

Special Case:

$$BI = \mathop{\text{holim}}_{\longrightarrow I} *$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{of functor } E_I X \longrightarrow I \\ (i, x) \longmapsto i \end{array}$$

this induces a ~~fun~~ simplicial set map

$$B(E_I X) = \mathop{\text{holim}}_{\longrightarrow I} X \longrightarrow BI$$

$$(\mathop{\text{holim}}_{\longrightarrow I} X)_n = B(E_I X)_n = \coprod_{i_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_n} X(i_0)$$