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Basics of equivariant homotopy theory

Let G be a finite group.

Q: What is a G -spectrum?

Note: A spectrum w/ G -action A

What it is is this + a lot of additional data.

Loosely speaking Spaces \rightarrow Spectra is obtained by inverting all spheres.

For G -spectra: start w/ G -space, invert all representation spheres S^G (one pt. compactification of a real G -representation).

Why? Without doing this the HHR detecting spectrum Ω doesn't even exist.

Orthogonal spectra

Def: An orthogonal spectrum E is an assignment

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{real orthogonal spaces} \\ \text{of finite dimension} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \text{Spaces}$$

$$V \longmapsto E(V)$$

w/ an action of $O(V)$ on $E(V)$, such that for every isometric embedding

$i: V \rightarrow W$, we get a $O(V) \times O(i(V)^\perp)$ -equivariant map.

$$E(V) \wedge S^{i(V)^\perp} \longrightarrow E(W)$$

which is "continuous in i "

Ex: Say exactly what you mean by this.

G -spectra are defined in a similar way

Def: An orthogonal G -spectrum

$$E: \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{orthogonal } G\text{-vector spaces} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow (G\text{-Spaces})$$

and $O(V) \supseteq E(V)$ A $O(V) = \text{Isom}(V, V)$, no reference to the G -action
what does it mean

For every isometric inclusion $V \hookrightarrow W$ we have $E(V) \wedge S^{i(V)^\perp} \rightarrow E(W)$

For all $g \in G$

$$E(V) \wedge S^{i(V)^{\perp}} \longrightarrow E(W)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \curvearrowright \quad \downarrow$$

$$E(V) \wedge S^{g(i(V))^{\perp}} \longrightarrow E(W)$$

If V is a G -subrepresentation, we're just saying that $E(V) \wedge S^{i(V)^{\perp}} \rightarrow E(W)$ is equivariant.

Q: What are the weak equivalences?

Let's answer first for G -spaces.

Let X be a G -space

Def: $\forall H < G \quad \pi_n^H(X) := \pi_n(X^H) = [S^n \wedge G_{H+}, X]^G$

A map $X \rightarrow Y$ is a weak equivalence if $\pi_n^H(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n^H(Y) \quad \forall H < G, \forall n$.

A: $X \rightarrow Y$ is equivariant & a w.e. of underlying spaces it does not have to be a w.e. of G -spaces. Ex: $EG \rightarrow *$

What about spectra?

Let E be a G -spectrum, $H < G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\pi_n^H(E) = \operatorname{colim}_V \pi_{n+v}^H(E(V)) = \operatorname{colim}_V [S^{n+v} \wedge G_{H+}, E(V)]^G$$

Def: A map $E \rightarrow F$ is a w.e. if $\forall H < G, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\pi_n^H(E) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n^H(F)$$

Q: What structures do we find on $\pi_*^H(E)$?

Mackey functors

Let X be a G -space. What acts on $\pi_*^H(X)$?

If $x \in X^H$ and $g \in N_G(H) \Rightarrow gx \in X^H$. The kernel of this action contains H -itself

$$W/H = \text{Weyl group} = N_G(H)/H$$

W/H acts on $\pi_*^H(E)$ also for any spectrum E .

$$\pi_n^H(E) = \left[\sum_+^\infty (\zeta_H), E \right]^G$$

Suppose $K < H < G \Rightarrow$ we have $G/K \rightarrow G/H \Rightarrow \sum_+^\infty G/K \rightarrow \sum_+^\infty G/H$

inducing $F_K^H: \pi_n^H(E) \rightarrow \pi_n^K(E)$ (restriction map)

We also have $\sum_+^\infty G/K \rightarrow \sum_+^\infty G/H$

Ex: $H=G, K=\{e\}$. We need a map $S^n \rightarrow \bigvee S^n$

(pinch enough times) that is equivariant up to $\stackrel{g \in G}{\sim}$ coherent homotopy.

This gives rise to $V_K^H: \pi_n^K(X) \rightarrow \pi_n^H(X)$

Moreover $L, K < H$ we could form

$F_L^H V_K^H =$ double coset formula (see Mackey's thm)

$$F_e^{c_2} V_e^{c_2}: \pi_n^e(E) \xrightarrow{\cap^{c_2}} \pi_n^e(E)^{2^{c_2}}$$

$$= \text{id} + \tau$$

Def: A Mackey function M (for G) is

- $\forall H < G \quad M^H \supseteq M^K$ abelian grp
- $\forall K < H \quad F_K^H: M^H \rightarrow M^K, \quad V_K: M^H \rightarrow M^K$ satisfying appropriate compatibilities

&: $\pi_n^*(E)$

Ex: Let A be an abelian group w/ G -action. The fixed point Mackey function M_A is

$$\Rightarrow M \mapsto A^H$$

$F_K^H: A^H \rightarrow A^K$ inclusion of fixed pts

$$V_K^H(a) = \sum_{g_i \in H/K} g_i \cdot a$$

Important principle

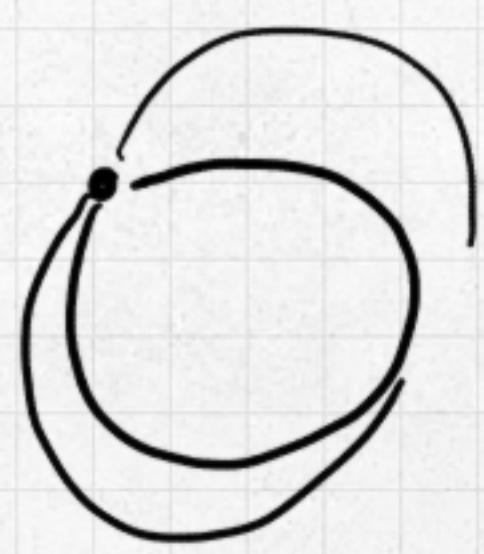
Mackey functions are the coefficients for G -stable homotopy theory

Ex: For any Mackey function M we can build an Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum HM

$$\pi_i HM = M, \quad \pi_i HM = 0 \text{ for } i \neq 0.$$

Compute $H^*(S^2; M)$ where S^2 is acted by C_2 by reflection on the equator

Decompose S^2



The 1-cell are fixed,
the 2-cells are permuted

$$\partial D^2 \times C_2/c \rightarrow S^1 \text{ attaching map}$$

$$C^n(X; M) = \bigoplus_{\text{set of } n\text{-cells}} \coprod_i M(H_i)$$

$$0 \rightarrow M(C_2) \xrightarrow{\circ} M(C_2) \xrightarrow{F_c^{C_2}} M(c) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \dots$$

$$H^0(S^2; M) = M(C_2)$$

$$H^1(S^2; M) = \ker F_c^{C_2}$$

$$H^2(S^2; M) = \text{coker } F_c^{C_2}$$