

Recall we have topological G -categories categories \mathcal{T}_G (formerly $\underline{\mathcal{T}}_G$), the category of pointed G -spaces and \mathcal{J}_G , the category of finite dimensional orthogonal representations V of G with $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W)$ being the Thom space of the vector bundle over $O(V, W)$, the sapce of orthogonal embeddings f of V into W , where the fiber over f is a the orthogonal complement of V in W as embedded by f .

If $\dim V > \dim W$, $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) = *$. If $\dim V = \dim W$, $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) = O(V, W)_+$. If $\dim V < \dim W$, then $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W)$ is connected and noncontractible. $\mathcal{J}_G(0, W) = S^W$. Composition of morphisms is given by $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(U, V) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_G(U, W)$. When $V=U$ or W we get get a right action of $O(U)$ and a left action of $O(W)$ on $\mathcal{J}_G(U, W)$.

A G -spectrum X is a functor $\mathcal{J}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_G$. We denote its value on V by X_V . We have structure maps $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) \wedge X_V \rightarrow X_W$. In particular X_V has a left action of $O(V)$. The structure map must factor through the orbit space $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) \wedge_{O(V)} X_V$.

Recall the tautological presentation of X , $\text{colim}_V S^{-V} \wedge X_V$, where S^{-V} is the spectrum defined by $(S^{-V})_W = \mathcal{J}_G(V, W)$ and $(S^{-V} \wedge X_V)_W = (S^{-V})_W \wedge X_V$. The colimit is short had for a certain coequalizer. See previous notes. In particular S^{-0} is the sphere spectrum. We reserve ther symbol S^0 for the usal space.

Smash products. We can define the smash product of two spectra by something similar to the tautological presentation, $X \wedge Y = \text{colim}_{V, W} S^{-V \oplus W} \wedge X_V \wedge Y_W$.

Alternate description: We have a functor $X \wedge' Y: \mathcal{J}_G \times \mathcal{J}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_G$ by $(V, W) \mapsto X_V \wedge Y_W$. The external smash product. We also have $K: \mathcal{J}_G \times \mathcal{J}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_G$ defined by $(V, W) \mapsto V \oplus W$. We define the functor $X \wedge Y$ to be the left Kan extension of $X \wedge' Y$ along K .

Facts: $S^{-V} \wedge S^{-W} = S^{-V \oplus W}$. $X \wedge S^{-0} = S^{-0} \wedge X = X$ for any spectrum X .

This makes \mathcal{S}^G into a symmetric monoidal category.