

# Spectra

Def A SPECTRUM  $X$  is a collection of pointed spaces  $X_n$  for  $n \geq 0$  and maps  $\sum X_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon_n^X} X_{n+1}$  STRUCTURE MAP

A map of spectra  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a collection of pointed maps  $f_n: X_n \rightarrow Y_n$  such that the following diagram commutes for  $n \geq 0$ .  $\sum X_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon_n^X} X_{n+1} \quad \sum Y_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon_n^Y} Y_{n+1}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sum f_n & \downarrow & \downarrow f_{n+1} \\ \end{array}$$

Here  $\sum X_n = S^1 \wedge X_n$  (suspension product) where for pointed space  $(A, a_0)$  and  $(B, b_0)$ ,

$$A \wedge B = A \times B / A \times b_0 \cup a_0 \times B$$

e.g.  $S^m \wedge S^n \cong S^{m+n}$

## Examples of spectra

① Let  $X$  be a pointed space and define its SUSPENSION SPECTRUM  $\sum^\infty X$  by

$$(\sum^\infty X)_n = \sum^n X = S^n \wedge X$$

and

$$\sum (\sum^n X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \sum \sum^{n+1} X$$

e.g.  $X = S^0$  and  $(\sum^\infty S^0)_n = S^n$  is the SPHERE SPECTRUM

② Let  $A$  be an abelian group. The EILENBERG-MAC LANE spectrum for  $A$ ,  $HA$  is defined by  $(HA)_n = K(A, n)$ . There is a

map  $\sum K(A, n) \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{n+1}} K(A, n+1)$

given by the fact that

$$[X, K(A, n+1)] = H^{n+1}(X; A)$$

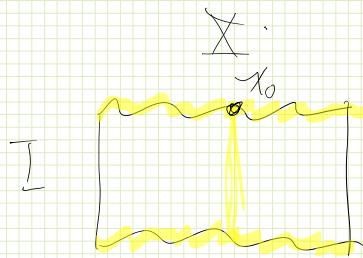
$$H^n(K(A, n); A) = \text{Hom}(A, A)$$

$H^{n+1}(\sum K(A, n); A)$ ,  $\Sigma_m^{\text{HA}}$  corresponds to  $I_{A_0}$ .

Prop There is a natural bijection between maps  $\sum X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  and map  $X \xrightarrow{f} S^1 Y$ .

Prop Given a map  $f: S^1 X \rightarrow Y$ .

Consider  $\sum X = I \times \mathbb{X}$  / yellow



$\tilde{f}(x) = \text{closed path}$  in  $Y$

$\tilde{f}(x)(t) = f(x, t) \in Y$

for  $t \in I$  QED

We say  $\tilde{f}$  is the RIGHT adjoint of  $f$ .  
 $f$  " LEFT " of  $\tilde{f}$ .

In a spectrum  $E$  we have a structure map  $\Sigma_n^X: \sum X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 0$

Its right adjoint  $X_n \xrightarrow{\Sigma_n^X} S^1 X_{n+1}$   
 is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  COSTRUCTURE map of  $X$

In the spectrum HA above, each  
 costructure map is a kity equivalence  
 Def. A spectrum  $E$  is an  $S^1$ -SPECTRUM

if each costructure map  $H_n$  is a stable equivalence.

$\text{HA}$  is an  $S^2$ -spectrum,

$\Sigma^\infty X$  is not one.

Def Let  $E$  be a spectrum

$$H_k(E) = \varinjlim_n H_{n+k} E_n \quad \begin{cases} \text{where} \\ H_i X = \pi_i X \\ = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \Pi_{ik}(E) = \varinjlim_n \Pi_{n+k} E_n \quad \text{for } i=0$$

The map  $\Sigma^X_n : \Sigma E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$   
induces

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \nearrow \\ & \Sigma^X_n : \Sigma E_n & \longrightarrow \\ \text{and } \eta_m^X : E_n & \longrightarrow & S^2 E_{n+1} \\ \text{induces } & & \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \Pi_{n+k} E_n \longrightarrow \Pi_{n+k} S^2 E_{n+1} \\ \text{SII} \\ \searrow \\ \Pi_{n+k+1} E_{n+1} \end{array} \end{array}$$

Def. A map of spectra  $f : X \rightarrow Y$   
is a STABLE EQUIVALENCE  
if  $\Pi_X(f)$  is an isomorphism.

Remark In a spectrum  $X$ ,  
 $X_n$  need NOT be  $(n-1)$ -connected  
 $\Pi_k X$  is defined for all integers  $k$ .  
and  $H_k X$

Example of an interesting map

Consider the Hopf map  $S^3 \xrightarrow{\cong} S^2$   
 It is known that  $S^{3+m} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^{2+m}$   
 is essential for all  $m \geq 0$ .

We would like to have a map of spectra  $\Sigma^\infty S^1 \xrightarrow{\cong} \Sigma^\infty S^0$   
 whose  $n$ th component is

$$S^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^n$$

but what about  $n=0$  and  $1$ ?

WHAT TO DO?

Replace  $\Sigma^\infty S^0$  by a spectrum  $Y$   
 with  $Y_n = \begin{cases} S^n & \text{for } n \geq 2 \\ * & \text{for } n=0, 1 \end{cases}$

$$X_n = \begin{cases} S^{n+1} & \text{for } n \geq 2 \\ * & \text{for } n=0, 1 \end{cases}$$

There is a map  $X \rightarrow Y$  whose  
 $n$ th component is  $\sum^{n+1} n$  for  
 $n \geq 2$ . Note

$$* = \sum X_1 \xrightarrow{\Sigma^1} X_2 = S^3$$

$$* = \sum Y_1 \xrightarrow{\Sigma^1} Y_2 = S^2$$

Note there are maps  $X \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Sigma^\infty S^1$   
 and  $Y \xrightarrow{\beta} \Sigma^\infty S^0$

where  $\alpha_n = \begin{cases} * \rightarrow S^{n+1} & \text{for } n=0, 1 \\ S^{n+1} \rightarrow S^{n+1} & \text{for } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$

$$\beta_n = \begin{cases} * \rightarrow S^n & \text{for } n=0, 1 \\ S^n \rightarrow S^n & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f: X \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Sigma^\infty S^1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} & \Sigma S \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{red} \square \\ \beta & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^2 S_0 \end{array}$$

CLAIM  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are both stable equivalences.

Let  $X$  be a spectrum. Consider the maps

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\eta_n^X} \Sigma X_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\Sigma^2 \eta_{n+1}^X} \Sigma^2 X_{n+2} \rightarrow \dots$$

Let  $\tilde{X}_n$  be the MAPPING TELESCOPE of the above sequence of maps

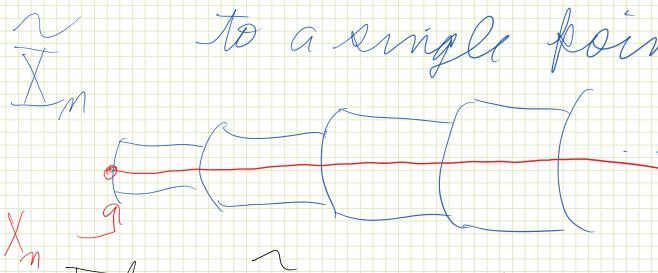
Def The MAPPING TELESCOPE of a sequence of pointed maps

$$A_0 \xrightarrow{a_0} A_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{a_2} A_3 \rightarrow \dots$$

$$TA = \coprod_{n \geq 0} A_n \times I / ((x_n, 1) \sim (a_n x_n, 0))$$

for  $x_n \in A_n$

also shrink basepoint line to a single point.



Then  $\tilde{X}_n$  is the  $n$ th component of a spectrum  $\tilde{X}$  with

- 1) There is a structural map  $\sum \tilde{X}_m \rightarrow \tilde{X}_{m+1}$  (exercise)
- 2) The costructural map  $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{\eta_n^{\tilde{X}}} \Sigma \tilde{X}_{n+1}$

$\tilde{X}$  is a hty equivalence, so  
 $\tilde{X}$  is an  $S^2$ -spectrum

3) There is a map  $X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$   
which is a stable equivalence.

Hence every spectrum  $X$  is  
stably equivalent to an  $S^2$ -spectrum  
 $\tilde{X}$ .

Thm A stable equivalence  $X \xrightarrow{\sim} Y$

induces a map

$$\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{Y}$$

such that  $f_n : X_n \xrightarrow{\sim} Y_n$  is  
an equivalence of pointed  
spaces for each  $n \geq 0$ .

Example Let  $X$  be  $\Sigma^\infty S^0$ , so

$$X_n = S^n. \text{ Then}$$

$$\tilde{X}_n = T(S^n \rightarrow \Sigma S^{n+1} \rightarrow \Sigma^2 S^{n+2} \rightarrow \dots)$$