

Spectral sequences?

Definition. If $k = \{K_n\}$ is a spectrum, the homotopy groups of K are

$$\pi_i K = \operatorname{colim}_n \pi_{i+n} K_n,$$

where $\pi_{i+n} K_n \rightarrow \pi_{i+n+1} K_{n+1}$ is induced by $K_n \rightarrow \Omega K_{n+1}$, which leads to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{i+n} & \longrightarrow & K_n \longrightarrow \Omega K_{n+1} \\ & & \downarrow \\ \Sigma S^{i+n} & \longrightarrow & K_{n+1} \\ \parallel & & \\ S^{i+n+1} & & \end{array}$$

Remark. Even if $K_n = pt$ for $n < 0$, there are cases where $\pi_i K_n \neq 0$ for $i < 0$.

Exs. (1) Fix A . Set $K_n = K(A, n)$ for $n \geq 0$, $K_n = pt$ for $n < 0$. This spectrum is the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum HA .

$$\pi_i HA \cong \begin{cases} A & i=0, \\ 0 & i \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Ω -spectrum.

(2) Fix a pointed space X . Set $K_n = \Sigma^n X$ for $n \geq 0$, pt for $n < 0$. This is the suspension spectrum $\Sigma^\infty X$.

$$\pi_i \Sigma^\infty X \cong \pi_i^s X.$$

not Ω -spectrum.

(3) For $X = S^0$, one gets $\Sigma^\infty S^0 = \mathbb{S}$ (think $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{F}_p$), the sphere spectrum, and $\pi_i \mathbb{S} \cong \pi_i^s$.

Rem. Why are Ω -spectra nice? The map

$$\pi; K_0 \longrightarrow \pi; K$$

is an iso. for $K = \{K_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ an Ω -spectrum.

Rem. Why are spectra nice? We've inserted the suspension map on spaces. Suspension becomes equivalent to shifting. Define

$$(\Sigma K)_n = \Sigma K_n,$$

with the usual bonding maps. We can also construct the loop spectrum

$$(\Omega K)_n = \Omega K_n.$$

For any space, the adjunction leads to a unit map

$$X \longrightarrow \Omega \Sigma X.$$

It turns out that this is a stable weak equivalence, and that at the level of spectra,

$$K \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega \Sigma K.$$

Theorem. If K is an Ω -spectrum,

$$\tilde{h}^n(X) := [X, K_n]_*$$

is a reduced cohomology theory on n -pointed CW complexes.

Proof. It's trivial to check (i) and (b). Let (X, A) be a CW pair.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A \hookrightarrow X \hookrightarrow X \cup CA \hookrightarrow (X \cup CA) \cup CX \hookrightarrow ((X \cup CA) \cup CX) \cup C(X \cup CA) \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \cong \downarrow \quad \cong \downarrow \quad \cong \downarrow \uparrow \\ A \hookrightarrow X \hookrightarrow X/A \xrightarrow{\quad} SA \xrightarrow{\quad} SX \quad \dots \end{array}$$

Cofibration sequence

$$A \hookrightarrow X \hookrightarrow X/A \xrightarrow{\quad} \Sigma A \xrightarrow{\quad} \Sigma X \xrightarrow{\quad} \Sigma(X/A) \xrightarrow{\quad} \dots,$$

which is natural up to homotopy. Get exact sequence

$$\dots \leftarrow [A, K_n]_* \leftarrow [X, K_n]_* \leftarrow [X/A, K_n]_* \leftarrow [A, K_{n-1}]_* \leftarrow [X, K_{n-1}]_* \leftarrow \dots$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} & s_{11} & s_{11} \\ & [A, \Omega K_n]_* & [X, \Omega K_n]_* \\ & s_{11} & s_{11} \\ & [\Sigma A, K_n]_* & [\Sigma X, K_n]_* \end{array}$$