

(Ian Banfield speaking)

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 * & \leftarrow & S^n & \longrightarrow & D^{n+1} & = D \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & \\
 * & \leftarrow & S^n & \longrightarrow & * & = D'
 \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 \text{colim}(D) = S^{n+1} \\
 \text{colim}(D') = *
 \end{array} \right\} \text{Not weakly equivalent!}$$

Homotopy colimit will be a colimit that preserves weak equivalence

How to define:

- ① Simplicial objects X "How to think of X as CW complex"
- ② Geometric Realization of X
- ③ Simplicial replacement "How to think of category as simplicial object"

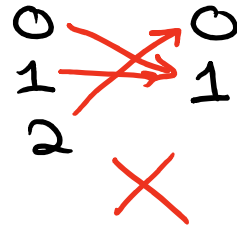
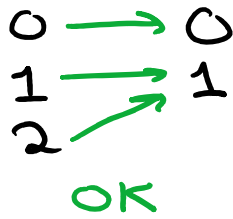
① Simplicial Objects

Defn: Simplex category Δ consists of

- Objects $[n] = [0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n]$

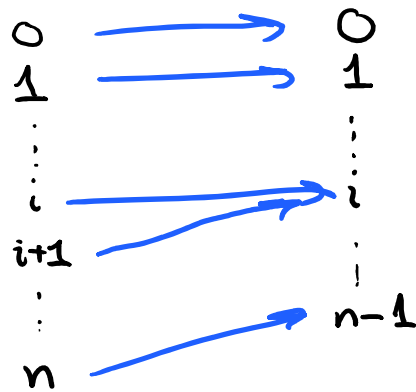
- Objects $[n] = [0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n]$
- Morphisms $[n] \rightarrow [m]$ order-preserving maps of sets

e.g.

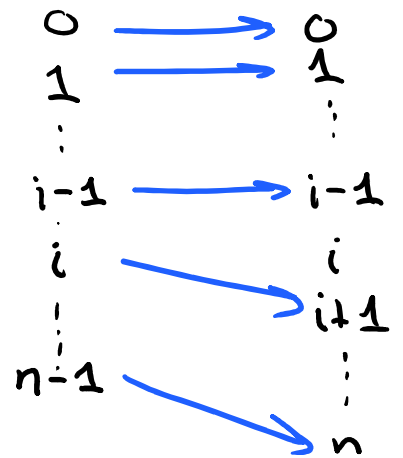


Have maps

$$s_i : [n] \rightarrow [n-1]$$



$$d_i : [n-1] \rightarrow [n]$$



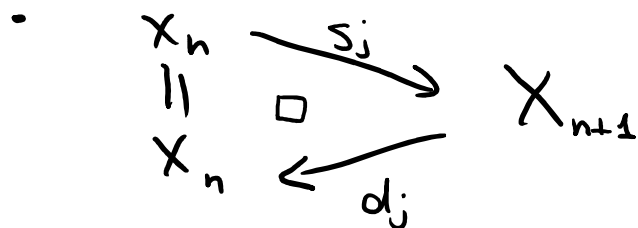
Defn: A simplicial object is

$$X : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

Fact: Can describe simplicial object as follows

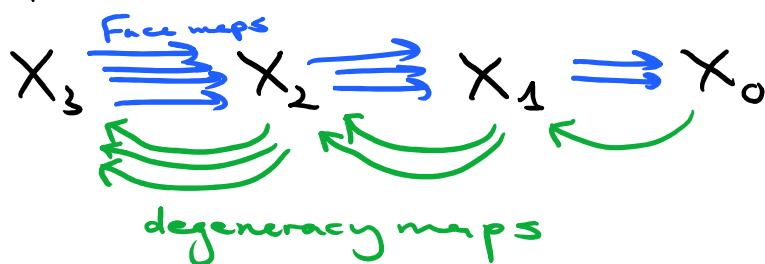
- $X_0 = X([0])$
- $X_n = X([n])$
- Face maps $d_i : X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$
- Degeneracy maps $s_i : X_{n-1} \rightarrow X_n$

- Lots of Stuff



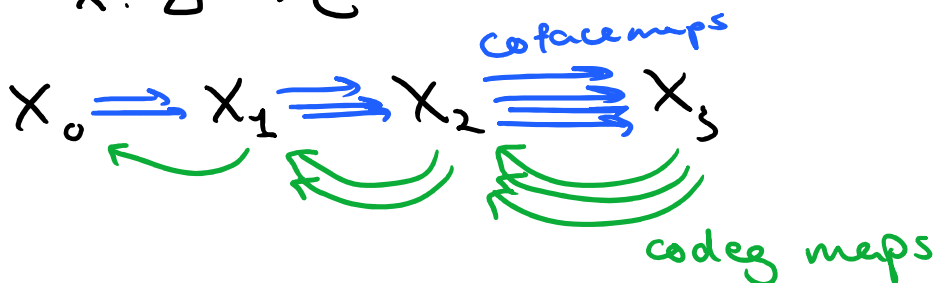
Just for clarity:

X = simplicial object:



Cosimplicial object:

$$X: \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$



② The Geometric Realization

We can define a cosimp object

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^0 &= \bullet \\ \Delta^1 &= \bullet - \bullet \\ \Delta^2 &= \triangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta^k = k\text{-simplex in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

Coface maps:

$$d_i: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^{n+1}$$

inclusion onto face opposite i

Codegeneracy maps: $s_i: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^{n-1}$

Projection onto face opposite i

For X simplicial object

$$X: \Delta^{\circ p} \longrightarrow \text{Top}$$

the geometric realization is

$$|X| = \text{coeq} \left(\coprod_{[n] \rightarrow [k]} X_k \times \Delta^n \xrightarrow[f]{g} \coprod_i X_i \times \Delta^i \right)$$

$$= \coprod_i X_i \times \Delta^i / \sim$$

where

$$X_k \times \Delta^n \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{f} X_n \times \Delta^n \\ \xrightarrow{g} X_k \times \Delta^k \end{array}$$

How to define f, g ?

$$\alpha: [n] \rightarrow [k] \begin{array}{l} \implies \alpha^*: X_k \rightarrow X_n \text{ for } f \\ \implies \alpha_*: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^k \text{ for } g \end{array}$$

That is \sim given by

$$(x, \alpha_*(s)) \sim (\alpha^*(x), s)$$

Example: Let $G = \text{group}$. Take as simplicial object.

$$X_0 = \{e\}$$

$$X_1 = G$$

$$s_i: (g_1, \dots, g_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= G \\ X_1 &= G \times G \\ &\vdots \\ X_n &= G^n \end{aligned}$$

$$s_i(g_1, \dots, g_n) = (g_1, \dots, g_i, e, \dots, g_n)$$

$$d_i(g_1, \dots, g_n) = (g_1, \dots, g_i, g_{i+1}, \dots, g_n)$$

$\Rightarrow |X| = \text{classifying space of } G$

Property:

- "You can throw away degeneracies"

If $\Theta = \text{degeneracy/face maps corresponding to}$
when we write it

$$(\Theta(x), s) = (x, \Theta(s))$$

If $x = \Theta(x')$, can repeat.

We can think of just nondegenerate elts

③ Simplicial Replacement

"How to think of category as simplicial object"

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

Vertices = Objects
 Edges = arrows
 Triangles = composition

Generalize this to the following

⌈ Simplicial replacement

Simplicial replacement



For diagram $D: J \rightarrow \text{Top}$, we'll form a simplicial object $\text{srep}(D)$ as follows:

Face maps

$$\begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \end{array} \coprod_{j_2 \rightarrow j_1 \rightarrow j_0} D(j_2) \begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \end{array} \coprod_{j_1 \rightarrow j_0} D(j_1) \begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \end{array} \coprod_{j \in J} D(j)$$

E.g. $\begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ A \end{array} \xrightarrow{f} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ B \end{array} \xrightarrow{g} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ C \end{array}$

yields,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dots & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} A \\ \perp \\ B \\ \perp \\ C \\ \perp \\ A_f \\ \perp \\ B_g \\ \perp \\ A_{g \circ f} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} A \\ \perp \\ B \\ \perp \\ C \end{array} \end{array}$$

Degeneracy maps ?

$$s_i: \underbrace{D(j)}_{\substack{\text{indexed by} \\ [j_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow j_0]}} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \underbrace{D(j)}_{\substack{\text{indexed by} \\ [j_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow j_i \rightarrow j_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow j_0]}}$$

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Similar for face maps

Defn : $\text{hocolim}(D) = |\text{srep}(D)|$

Example : $Y \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} * = D$

Claim : $\text{hocolim}(D) = C(f)$

① srep:



$$A_f \cup A_g \xrightleftharpoons[\beta]{\alpha} * \cup A \cup Y$$

Arrows: A pink arrow from $A_f \cup A_g$ to $* \cup A \cup Y$ (labeled α), and a purple arrow from $* \cup A \cup Y$ to $A_f \cup A_g$ (labeled β).

② Realization

$$\frac{(A_f \times I) \sqcup (A_g \times I) \sqcup (* \times A \times Y)}{\sim}$$

$$\sim: f(a) \in Y \sim (a, 1) \in A_f \times \Delta^1$$

$$g(a) = * \sim (a, 1) \in A_g \times \Delta^1$$

$$a \in A \sim (a, 0) \in A_f \times \Delta^1 \sim (a, 0) \in A_g \times \Delta^1$$

\implies Get mapping cone!

