

TR3 & TR4

Given a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \\ X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y' \end{array}$$

we obtain a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \longrightarrow & C(f) & \longrightarrow & X[1] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow g[1] \\ X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y' & \longrightarrow & C(f') & \longrightarrow & X'[1] \end{array}$$

(TR3) states that there exists a map $C(f) \rightarrow C(f')$ making the diagram commute.

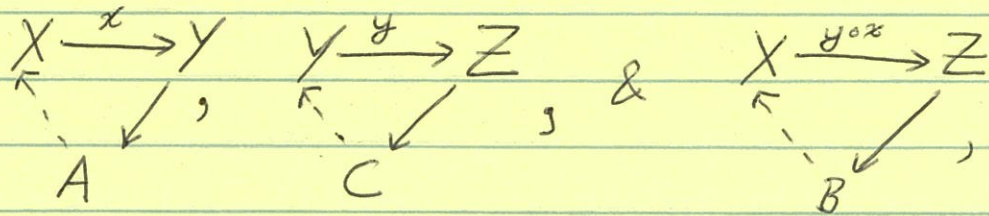
If one believes in homotopy co-kernels

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C(f) \end{array}$$

the map $C(f) \rightarrow C(f')$ should be unique up to a contractible choice. It is not unique in the derived category because in the derived category we do not remember the homotopies that make the original diagram commute. In the world of stable ∞ -categories, we simply write

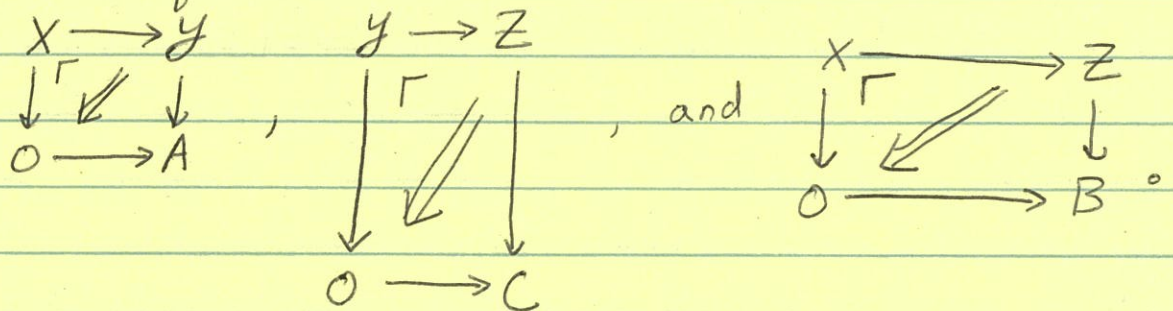
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & X & \longrightarrow & Y & \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ X' & \longrightarrow & Y' & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C(f) & \longrightarrow & C(f') \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C(f') & & \end{array}$$

(TR4) states that, given triangles

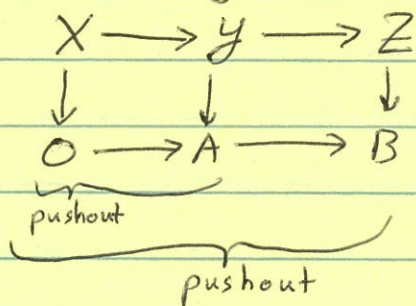


there exists a triangle $A \rightarrow B$ satisfying a few conditions I will not spell out.

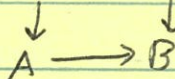
This axiom will become clearer with some homotopical thinking. We can rewrite the three triangles as homotopy pushout squares.



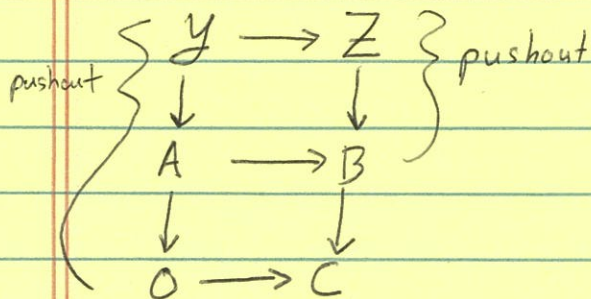
In the diagram



the two marked pushout squares imply by abstract nonsense that $Y \rightarrow Z$ is a pushout as well.



Examination of the diagram



then implies that $A \longrightarrow B$ is a pushout square
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$ as well.
 $0 \longrightarrow C$

Stability Conditions

Recall the two definitions we gave for a BSC on a Δ^d category \mathcal{D} :

Def 1: A stability condition is a pair $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{H})$ where $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{D}$ is a heart of a bounded t -structure & $\mathcal{Z}: \text{ob } \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a BSC for \mathcal{H} .

Def 2: A stability condition for \mathcal{D} is a pair $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{P})$ where

- $\mathcal{Z}: K_0(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a group homomorphism
- \mathcal{P} is a slicing for \mathcal{D} , $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(\phi)\}_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}}$
- $\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(\phi), \exists m > 0$ s.t.

$$\mathcal{Z}(A) = m e^{i\pi\phi}$$

Remark: Using definition 1, one determines the semi-stable objects by recalling what it means for $A \in \mathcal{H}$ to be semi-stable.

Let us recall the definition of a slicing by axiomatizing the properties of the slicing which naturally occurs in the situation of definition 1.

Def: $\forall \phi \in [0, 1]$, $\mathcal{P}(\phi) =$ full subcategory of \mathcal{D} spanned by semi-stable objects of phase ϕ .

For $\phi' = \phi + N$, $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, we set $\mathcal{P}(\phi') = \mathcal{P}(\phi)[N]$

Prop: The collection $\{\mathcal{P}(\phi)\}_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}}$ satisfies

(Sl 0) Each $\mathcal{P}(\phi)$ is closed under \oplus and is full.

(Sl 1) For all $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{P}(\phi+1) = \mathcal{P}(\phi)[1]$

(Sl 2) $\forall \phi_1 > \phi_2$, $A_i \in \mathcal{P}(\phi_i)$,
 $\text{hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(A_1, A_2) = 0$.

(Sl 3) $\forall E \in \mathcal{D}$, \exists sequence of triangles

$$0 = E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_n = E$$

such that $A_i \in \mathcal{P}(\phi_i)$ and $\phi_i > \phi_{i-1}$ for all i .

Def: Any collection $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(\phi)\}_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}}$ is called a slicing of the triangulated category \mathcal{P} if (Sl 0) - (Sl 3).

Remark: This definition is convenient for defining and analyzing the topology of the set of stability conditions.

Def: Given a slicing \mathcal{P} of \mathcal{D} and two real numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, let

$$\mathcal{P}(a, b] \subset \mathcal{D}$$

denote the full subcategory spanned by all $E \in \text{ob } \mathcal{D}$ where H-N factors have phase in $(a, b]$.

Remark: Uniqueness of the phases in the H-N filtration depends on \mathcal{P} being compatible with some $Z: K_0(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

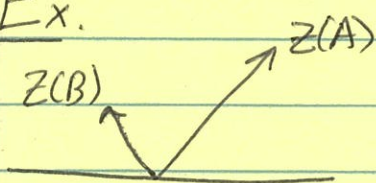
Remark: We can define $\mathcal{P}(I)$ for any sort of interval I , not merely the half-open and half-closed ones.

Prop: Let (Z, \mathcal{P}) be a BSC $\left(\begin{array}{l} Z: K_0(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \{ \mathcal{P}(\phi) \}_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}} \\ Z(A) = m e^{2\pi i \phi} \quad m > 0 \\ \text{for } A \in \mathcal{P}(\phi) \end{array} \right)$

Then $\forall \phi \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{P}((\phi, \phi+1])$ is a heart (of a bounded t-structure) for \mathcal{D} .

Warning: $\mathcal{P}(I) \neq$ Full subcategory spanned by $E \in \text{ob } \mathcal{D}$ with $\phi(E) \in I$.

Ex:



$$I = (0, 1]$$

$A \oplus A[-1] \oplus B$ has phase in I but is NOT in $\mathcal{P}(I)$.

Pf: (H1) Let $E \in \mathcal{P}(\emptyset, \emptyset+1)$,
 $E' \in \mathcal{P}(\emptyset+N, \emptyset+N+1)$,
 $N > 0$.

We need to show that $\text{hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(E, E') = 0$.

If E' is semi-stable, let

$$f: E' \rightarrow E$$

and examine the H-N filtration of E

$$\begin{array}{c}
 E' \\
 \downarrow \\
 \dots \rightarrow E_{n-1} \rightarrow E_n = E \\
 \quad \quad \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 \quad \quad \quad A_n
 \end{array}$$

Observation: Given a H-N filtration of $E \in \mathcal{P}([\emptyset, \emptyset+1])$,
 $\emptyset(A_1) > \emptyset(E) > \emptyset(A_n)$.

As such, $\emptyset(A_n) < \emptyset(E) < \emptyset(E')$. By (Sl 1),
the map $E' \rightarrow A_n$ must be 0, and so we
have a map $E' \rightarrow E_{n-1}$. We can induct on k ,
assuming we have a map $f_{k-1}: E' \rightarrow E_{k-1}$.