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Ring spectra + Bousfield localization:

Spectra:

Def: a sequence of spaces  $\{X_n\}$  with maps  $\Sigma X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$ Ex:  $X$  space; suspension spectrum  $X_n = \Sigma^n X$ ; map is ident.Maps of spectra:  $\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma X_n & \longrightarrow & X_{n+1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Sigma Y_n & \longrightarrow & Y_{n+1} \end{array}$  except that maps only defined cofinally.Complaint: There is no nice category of spectra.

Thm (Lewis) There is no cat. of spectra satisfying

1.  $\wedge$  symm. monoidal
2.  $\Sigma^\infty$ : spaces  $\rightleftarrows$  spectra:  $\Sigma^\infty$  adjunction
3. natural iso  $\Omega^\infty \Sigma^\infty X \xrightarrow{\cong} \operatorname{colim}_n \Omega^n \Sigma^n X$
4.  $\Sigma^\infty S^0$  is unit of  $\wedge$
5. at least one of the functors  $\Omega^\infty, \Sigma^\infty$  lax monoidal  
e.g.  $\Sigma^\infty(X \wedge Y) \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty X \wedge \Sigma^\infty Y$ )

Comment: Will focus not on one of the modern categories of spectra (like S-modules), but just use Adams' construction + work in homotopy categoryCW-spectra: Each  $X_n$  CW-cx; each  $\Sigma X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$  is cellular.• finite if each  $X_n$  is a finite CW-cx.• subspectrum of a CW-spectrum  $X$  is a subcx  $Y_n \subseteq X_n$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma Y_n & \longrightarrow & Y_{n+1} \\ \downarrow & \wedge & \downarrow \\ \Sigma X_n & \longrightarrow & X_{n+1} \end{array}$$

commutes.

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A subspectrum is cofinal if every cell of  $X_n$  eventually lands in a cell of  $Y$ .

maps  $X \rightarrow Y$  are defined on a cofinal subspectrum of  $X$ : i.e.  $\exists$  a subspectrum  $W \subset X$  cofinal; maps  $W_n \xrightarrow{f_n} Y_n$   
 $\circ . f: \Sigma W_n \rightarrow \Sigma Y_n$  commutes  
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $W_{n+1} \rightarrow Y_{n+1}$

and two maps from  $W, W'$  cofinal subspectra of  $X$   
are equivalent if they agree strictly on a cofinal  
subspecrum of  $X$ .

(Note: this ~~is~~ definition motivated by Kan-Pridge map:

$$\mathbb{R}P_+^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{reflect.}} O(n) \rightarrow \Omega^n S^n \text{ adjoint to } \Sigma^n \mathbb{R}P_+^{n-1} \rightarrow S^n$$

which assembles to  $\Sigma^\infty \mathbb{R}P_+^\infty \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} S^\infty$

which is onto in htpy, but you can never extend  
to all of  $\mathbb{R}P^\infty$  by Sullivan conjecture )

### Stable homotopy category:

homotopies: Given spectrum  $X$ , create new spectrum  
 $X \wedge I_+$ , with  $(X \wedge I_+)_n = X_n \wedge I_+$   
 $\circ \quad \Sigma(X_n \wedge I_+) = \Sigma X_n \wedge I_+ \rightarrow X_{n+1} \wedge I_+$

Given f.g:  $X \xrightarrow{U_1} Y$ , a homotopy  $f \sim g$  is a map  
 $W$  cofinal subspectrum,  $H: X \wedge I_+ \rightarrow Y$   
restricting to  $f + g$  as usual.

Defn: Stable homotopy cat. is cat. where objects are  
spectra & maps are homotopy classes of maps of spectra.

Defn: The sphere spectrum is  $(S)_n = S_n$  with  $\Sigma S_n \rightarrow S_{n+1}$  ident

Notation:  $[X, Y] =$  maps is stable htpy cat.

$[X, Y] =$  graded set with  $[X, Y]_n = [\Sigma^n X, Y]$ .

Hence  $[S, X]_* = \pi_* X$ .

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If  $X = \Sigma^\infty A$ , then  $[S, X]_n = \operatorname{colim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{k+n} \Sigma^k A$  (usual stable htpy grps of  $A$ )

Things to do with spectra:

1. suspend them:  $(\Sigma X)_n = X_{n+1}$

2. loop them:  $(\Omega X)_n = X_{n-1}$

These satisfy usual adjunction, and are inverse.

Thus Eckmann-Hilton argument shows these are abelian groups.

In fact stable htpy cat is triangulated:

3. cofiber seq:  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  yields

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow Cf = Y \underset{f}{\cup} CX$$

and there are also fiber sequences:

$$\dots \rightarrow \Omega Cf \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Cf \rightarrow \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y \rightarrow \dots$$

Mapping into a spectrum  $Z$  yields a long-exact seq.

$$\leftarrow [X, Z] \leftarrow [Y, Z] \leftarrow [Cf, Z] \leftarrow$$

or map  $Z$  into it:

$$\rightarrow [Z, X] \rightarrow [Z, Y] \rightarrow [Z, Cf] \rightarrow \dots$$

These are "about as useful as you'd expect"

4. smash products:  $X \wedge Y$  Adams:  $\Sigma(X_n \wedge Y_n) \rightarrow X_{n+1} \wedge Y_{n+1}$  works poorly.

very painful from this perspective

know:  $\wedge$  exists, comm + assoc. on htpy cat

$S$  is unit; & have  $(X_n A)_n = X_n A$ ;  $X_n A \cong X_n \Sigma^\infty A$ .

(but we won't define it.)

Ring spectra:

• Monoid object in stable htpy cat:

$$E \wedge E \xrightarrow{\text{product}} E \quad S \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} E$$

stable htpy cat. upto htpy

+ diagrams in  
stable htpy cat.

• A module spectrum over  $E$  is  $F$  with  $E \wedge F \rightarrow F$

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(again, unital upto htpy...)

### (co)homology

$E$  a spectrum,  $X$  space or spectrum.

Defn: The  $E$  homology groups of  $X$  are  $E_* X = [S, E \wedge X]_*$ .

The  $E$  cohomology groups of  $X$  are  $E^* X = [X, E]_{-*}$ .

Ex: If  $A$  is an abelian group, define  $HA$  with  $(HA)_n = K(A, n)$ ,  
 $\sum HA_n \rightarrow HA_{n+1}$  are adjoint to  $K(A, n) \cong \Omega K(A, n)$ .

This is an Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum for  $A$ .

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

$$\text{so } HA^* X = [X, HA]_* = H^*(X; A).$$

Ex:  $E = S$ .  $E_* X = [S, X]_* = \pi_* X$ .

$S^* X = [X, S]_* =$  cohomotopy groups of  $X$ .

Comment: These satisfy Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms and thus form a generalized (co)-homology theory.

Thrm (Brown representability; Whitehead)

- Every homology theory is of the form  $E_*(-)$  for some  $E$ ; likewise cohomology.
- Ring spectra ~~yield~~ ~~are~~ good w.r.t products.

In general, have external products

$$E^* X \otimes F^* X \rightarrow (E \wedge F)^* X \quad \text{so if } E = F = \text{ring spectrum}$$

$$\text{get } E^* X \otimes E^* X \rightarrow (E \wedge E)^* X \rightarrow E^* X, \text{ product.}$$

Cor:  $[X, Y]_*$  is a homology theory in  $\mathcal{Y}$ , and is thus representable:  $[X, Y]_* \cong [S, X^\vee \wedge Y]$  where  $X^\vee$  is the Spanier-Whitehead dual of  $X$

( $X^\vee$  gives closed symm. monoidal structure on stable htpy cat.)

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Ex: Let  $A$  be an abelian grp, with free resolution

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

then the Moore spectrum  $SA$  is the cofiber

$$VS \rightarrow VS \rightarrow SA$$

Also define  $EASA = EA$ . (Note:  $H\mathbb{Z} \wedge A = HA$ ).

By long exact seq:  $\pi_* SA = 0$  if  $* < 0$

$$\pi_0 SA = H_0 SA = A$$

$$\text{and } H_n SA = 0 \quad n \geq 1.$$

Thrm: If  $E$  is a spectrum,  $A$  an abelian group, there are natural short exact sequences.

$$0 \rightarrow E_n(X) \otimes A \rightarrow EA_n(X) \rightarrow \text{Tor}(E_{n-1}(X), A) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow E^n(X) \otimes A \rightarrow (EA)^n X \rightarrow \text{Tor}(E^{n+1}(X), A) \rightarrow 0.$$

Note these don't split.

Bousfield localization:

Adams SS:  $\text{Ext}_{E \wedge E}^*(E_* X, E_* Y) \Rightarrow "EX, Y"$

but  $E_2$ -term only sees things visible to  $E$ , so it can only converge to things  $E$  detects.

so we consider  $E_*$ -localization, which makes

maps that  $E$  sees as equivalent equivalent.

(i.e. maps that are isos under  $E_*$ )

Def: •  $X$  is  $E_*$ -acyclic if  $E_* X = 0$

•  $X$  is  $E_*$ -local if when  $A \rightarrow B$  is an  $E_*$ -equivalence,  $[B, X] \rightarrow [A, X]$  is an iso.

Equivently,  $[C, X] \cong *$  when  $C$  is  $E_*$ -acyclic.

• A localization of  $X$  is an  $E_*$ -equivalence  $X \rightarrow LEX$  where  $LEX$  is  $E_*$ -local.

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### Prop (Whitehead)

If  $X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $E_*$ -equivalence of  $E_*$ -local objects, then it's a homotopy equivalence (weak equivalence).

Pf. Get isos  $[Y, Y]_* \cong [X, Y]_*$  &  $[X, X]_* \cong [Y, X]_*$ .

Prop: If  $E$  is a ring spectrum, any module spectrum  $F$  over  $E$  is  $E_*$ -local.

Pf. Let  $A$  be  $E_*$ -acyclic. Given  $f: A \rightarrow F$ , get

$$A = S \wedge A \xrightarrow{\sim} E \wedge A \xrightarrow{\sim} E \wedge F \rightarrow F$$

$\circ$  on htpy.

Local objects are closed under retracts, products, cofibers &  
defined by  $V$ ; use Brown rep.

use Bousfield-Smith cardinality argument to show functorial  
localizations exist.

Lemma Fix cardinal  $K \geq \aleph_0, |\pi_* E|$ . If  $B \leq X$  is a CW pair,  
where a cell of  $X$  suspends to  $B$  iff it is already in  $B$ , s.t.  
 $E_*(X, B) = 0$   $= \text{closed}$

then there is a closed  $W \not\subseteq B$  s.t.  $W$  has  $\leq K$  cells and  $E_*(W, W \cap B) = 0$ .

Pf. construct  $W_0 \subseteq W_1 \subseteq W_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq W_n \subseteq \dots$

s.t. each  $E_*(W_n, W_n \cap B) \xrightarrow{\circ} E_*(W_{n+1}, W_{n+1} \cap B)$ .

If  $W_n$  has  $\geq K$  cells, then  $|E_* W_n| \geq K$  (n.b.  $K^2 = K$ ).

For each  $x \in E_*(W_n, W_n \cap B)$  you can attach finitely many  
cells in  $X$  to kill it; this produces  $W_{n+1}$ .

(Axiom of compact support) compactly gen. model categories  
let you do this.)

Lemma  $\exists$  a spectrum  $A$  s.t.  $Y$  is  $E_*$ -local iff  ~~$[A, Y]_* = 0$~~   $[A, Y]_* = 0$

Pf. Let  $C(A)$  be the <sup>smallest</sup> class of spectra containing  $A$ , closed

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under wedges, summands, cofibers, suspensions, desuspensions--

WTS: every  $E_*$ -acyclic spectrum is in  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be as before. Let  $\{B_\alpha\}$  be a choice of representatives of equivalence classes of  $E_*$ -acyclic spectra with  $\leq K$  cells.

Let  $A = \vee B_\alpha$ . Note  $A$  is  $E_*$ -acyclic; each  $B_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}(A)$ .

If  $X$  is  $E_*$ -acyclic, construct

$$A = C_0 \subseteq C_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq C_\infty = X \text{ via cofibers } C_{j+1} \rightarrow C_j \rightarrow B_\alpha$$

note: we construct limit as a cofib seq. so we're still in  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ .  $C_\lambda = \lim_{\leftarrow} C_\alpha$  of  $\lambda$  limit ordinal.

Now we need only construct  $A_*$  trivializations to get  $L_E$ :

want  $X \rightarrow L_E X$  s.t.  $[A, L_E X]_* = 0$ .

$\rightarrow$  can cone off all maps from  $A$ ; maybe transfinitely

$\rightarrow$  use small object argument to get functoriality.

$$\text{Ex: } E = H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, \quad \pi_*(L_{H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}} X) = \pi_* X \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$$

$$\text{Thm } L_{H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}} X = X \wedge \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \quad (\text{Bousfield}) \quad \text{for connective } X.$$

(indeed localization of conn. spectrum only depends on  $\pi_0$ ).

Can reduce to  $E$  with  $\pi_0 E = \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ .

Note: Adams SS actually converges to  $[X, L_E Y]$ .

Also we have pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_{S^2} X & \longrightarrow & L_{S^2} X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \prod_p L_{S^2/p} X & \longrightarrow & L_{S^2}(\prod_p L_{S^2/p} X) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{nb. } L_{S^2} X = X \text{ if} \\ X \text{ conn.} \end{array}$$

(all localizations trivial if  $X = \mathbb{K}$  though)