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Thm (Brown representability): Let $h\mathrm{Space}_*^{\geq 0}$ be the homotopy category of pointed connected spaces, then a functor

$$F : (h\mathrm{Space}_*^{\geq 0})^{op} \to \mathrm{Set}$$

is representable if and only if it satisfies the following two conditions

① $\forall \{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ collection of pt com. spaces
$$F\Big(\bigvee_{\alpha\in A} X_\alpha\Big) \xrightarrow{\sim} \prod_{\alpha \in A} F(X_\alpha)$$

② $\forall$ pushout square in $\mathrm{Space}_*^{\geq 0}$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \to & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X' & \to & Y' \end{array}$$
the map $F(Y') \to F(X') \times_{F(X)} F(Y)$ is surjective.

Proof: $F = [-, Z]_*$. Let us show it satisfies ① & ②.

① $\big[\bigvee_{\alpha\in A} X_\alpha, Z\big]_* \xrightarrow{\sim} \prod_{\alpha\in A} [X_\alpha, Z]$

because $\bigvee$ is the coproduct (π_0 respects product)

② $\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & X' \\ {\scriptstyle g}\downarrow & \swArrow H & \downarrow \\ Y & \xrightarrow{j} & Y' \end{array}$ $\quad [Y', Z]_* = \pi_0 \mathrm{Map}_*(Y', Z) \simeq \pi_0\big(\mathrm{Map}_*(X', Z) \times_{\mathrm{Map}_*(X,Z)} \mathrm{Map}_*(Y, Z)\big)$

$=$ "homotopy classes of triples $(f : X' \to Z,\ g : Y \to Z,\ K : fi \sim gj)$"

$[X', Z]_* \times_{[X,Z]_*} [Y, Z]_* =$ pairs $([f], [g], \underbrace{[fi] = [gj]}_{\text{a } K \text{ exists}})$

$\Rightarrow$ the map in ② is surjective.

Other direction: We have $F : (h\mathrm{Space}_*^{\geq 0})^{op} \to \mathrm{Set}$ satisfying ① & ②.

We want Z, $\xi \in F(Z)$ inducing $[-, Z]_* \xrightarrow{\sim} F(-)$.

Claim: $\forall X$ connected pt space, $\forall \xi \in FX$ $\exists f_X : X \to Z_X$, $\tilde\xi \in F(Z_X)$ s.t.
- $f_X^* \tilde\xi = \xi$
- $\forall m \geq 1$ $\quad [S^m, Z_X]_* \xrightarrow{\sim} F(S^m)$, $g \mapsto g^*\tilde\xi$ is a bijection.

$Z = Z_*$ (i.e. we apply the claim for $X = *$, $FX \overset{\text{by ①}}{=} * \ni \xi$), $\tilde\xi \in FZ$

Want to show $\forall X$ $\quad [X, Z]_* \xrightarrow{\sim} FX$, $g \mapsto g^*\tilde\xi$

We know this for when $X = S^m$, $m \geq 1$. Let us show that it is surjective.

Let's take $\eta \in FX$, let's consider $X' = X \vee Z$

$F(X') \overset{①}{=} F(X) \times F(Z) \ni (\eta, \tilde\xi)$

$\Rightarrow \exists Z'$ $\quad g' : X' \to Z'$, $\tilde\xi' \in F(Z')$ $\quad (g')^*\tilde\xi' = (\eta, \tilde\xi)$

and $\tilde\xi' : [S^m, Z']_* \xrightarrow{\sim} F(S^m)$

We have a map $Z \hookrightarrow X' = X \vee Z \to Z'$ pulling $\tilde\xi'$ to $\tilde\xi$. Therefore we have a comm. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_m Z = [S^m, Z]_* & \longrightarrow & [S^m, Z']_* = \pi_m Z' \\ & \searrow{\scriptstyle \wr} \quad \swarrow{\scriptstyle \wr} & \\ & F(S^m) & \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$ by Whitehead $Z \to Z'$ is also an equivalence $\Rightarrow$ the map

$X \hookrightarrow X' = X \vee Z \to Z' \simeq Z$

is the g we seek (i.e. $g^*\tilde\xi = (i_1^*)(g'^*)(\tilde\xi') = \eta$)

Injectivity: $f, g : X \to Z$ $\quad f^*\tilde\xi = g^*\tilde\xi$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \vee X & \xrightarrow{f \vee g} & Z \\ \downarrow{\scriptstyle \nabla} & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle a} \\ X & \xrightarrow{b} & Y \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi \in F(Y) \overset{②}{\twoheadrightarrow} FX \times_{F(X) \times F(X)} FZ \ni (\eta, \tilde\xi)$. Apply Claim to (Y, φ)

$a^*\varphi = \tilde\xi$, $b^*\varphi = \eta \Rightarrow \exists\, h : Y \to Z'$, $\varphi' \in FZ'$ s.t. $h^*\varphi' = \varphi$,

$\forall m \geq 0$ $\quad \varphi' : [S^m, Z']_* \xrightarrow{\sim} F(S^m)$.

WTS $Z \xrightarrow{a} Y \xrightarrow{h} Z'$ is an equivalence $\quad (ha)^*\varphi' = \tilde\xi$, so we have a com. diag

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_m Z = [S^m, Z]_* & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \pi_m Z' = [S^m, Z']_* \\ & \tilde\xi \searrow{\scriptstyle \wr} \quad \swarrow{\scriptstyle \wr}\, \varphi' & \\ & FS^m & \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$ But, by definition $af \sim ag \Rightarrow \overset{\text{equivalence}}{\widehat{ha}} f \sim hag \Rightarrow f \sim g$.

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First step: build (Z_0, ξ_0) s.t. ξ_0 is surjective.

$Z_0 = X \vee \bigvee_{\gamma \in FS^m, m \geq 1} S^m \overset{①}{\Rightarrow} F(Z) = F(X) \times \prod_\gamma F(S^m)$

$\xi_0 = (\xi, \{\gamma\}_\gamma)$: $\quad f_0 : X \to Z_0$ (incl. of the summand)

$\xi_0 : [S^m, Z_0]_* \longrightarrow F(S^m)$

onto $\forall m \geq 1$.

To fix it, we will construct a sequence of spaces

$Z_0 \xrightarrow{i_0} Z_1 \xrightarrow{i_1} Z_2 \to \cdots$

$\xi_i \in F(Z_i)$ s.t. $i_i^*\xi_{i+1} = \xi_i$ $\qquad\qquad X \to *$, $\ 0 : * = F(*) \to FX$

Suppose we constructed Z_i, let $K_i(-) = \ker\big(\xi_i : [-, Z_i]_* \to F(-)\big)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigvee_{\gamma \in K_i(S^m), m \geq 1} S^m & \longrightarrow & * \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z_i & \xrightarrow{i_{i+1}} & Z_{i+1} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} F(Z_{i+1}) & \longrightarrow & \{0\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F(Z_i) & \longrightarrow & \prod_\gamma F(S^m) \\ \xi_i & \longmapsto & 0 \end{array}$$

$F(Z_{i+1}) \overset{②}{\twoheadrightarrow} F(Z_i) \times_{F(\bigvee S^m)} F(*) \ni (\xi_i, 0)$
ξ_{i+1}

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \xi & & \xi_0 & & \xi_1 & & \xi_2 \\ F(X) & \leftarrow & F(Z_0) & \xleftarrow{i_0^*} & F(Z_1) & \xleftarrow{i_1^*} & F(Z_2) \leftarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

($Z = \operatorname{colim} Z_i$)

$\bigvee_{i \geq 0} Z_i \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{i\geq 0} Z_{2i}$ $\qquad Z_i \to Z_{i+1} \to \cdots \to Z_{2i}$

$\downarrow$ ① $\qquad\qquad Z_i \to \cdots \to Z_{2i} \to Z_{2i+1}$

$\bigvee_{i \geq 0} Z_{2i+1} \longrightarrow \operatorname{colim} Z_i =: Z_X$

$F(Z_X) \overset{②}{\twoheadrightarrow} \prod F(Z_{2i}) \times_{\prod F(Z_i)} \prod F(Z_{2i+1}) \ni (\xi_{2i}, \xi_{2i+1})$

$\tilde\xi \in F(Z_X)$

$\tilde\xi : [S^m, Z_X]_* \to F(Z_X)$

we know it is surjective $\quad [S^m, Z_0]_* \to [S^m, Z_X]_* \to F(Z_X)$

$g, g' : S^m \to Z_X$ s.t. $g^*\tilde\xi = (g')^*\xi$. $\qquad F(S^m \vee S^m) = F(S^m) \times F(S^m)$ ①

WTS g, g' factor through some Z_i

Simplify $g g' \in \pi_m Z_X \Rightarrow$ take $g (g')^{-1} = g''$ one can show $(g'')^*\tilde\xi = 0$.

Up to replacing g, g' w/ g'' I can assume $g' = *$.

Claim: $\pi_m Z_X \simeq \operatorname{colim} \pi_m Z_i$ $\qquad$ [Z_X is a mapping telescope]

Easy way to show this is $\tilde H_m Z_X \simeq \operatorname{colim} \tilde H_m Z_i$ + relative Hurewicz.

$\Rightarrow g : S^m \to Z_i \Rightarrow g^*\xi_i = 0 \Rightarrow \quad i_i \circ g \sim 0$. □

Corollary: If A is an abelian group, there is a natural isomorphism
$$\tilde H^n(X, A) \simeq [X, K(A,n)]_*$$
where $K(A,n)$ is the Eilenberg–MacLane space, i.e. a pointed space w/ the property
$$\pi_i K(A,n) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq n \\ A & i = n \end{cases}$$

Proof: We know $\tilde H^n$ satisfies the hypothesis of Brown representability $\Rightarrow \exists$ a space $K(A,n)$ representing it.

$$\pi_i K(A,n) = [S^i, K(A,n)]_* = \tilde H^n(S^i; A) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq n \\ A & i = n \end{cases}$$

Let K be another space w/ this property. Then by Hurewicz

$\tilde H^n(K; \mathbb{Z}) \simeq A \Rightarrow$ (UCT) $\quad \tilde H^n(K, A) = \mathrm{Hom}(A, A)$

$\tilde H^i(K; \mathbb{Z}) \simeq 0$ $i < n$ $\qquad\qquad\qquad \| \quad [K, K(A,n)]_*$

We take $f : K \to K(A,n)$ corresponding to $\mathrm{id}_A \in \mathrm{Hom}(A,A)$ and this gives an iso on homotopy groups (Hurewicz: iso on $\tilde H^n \Rightarrow$ iso on π_n). □

Ex: $S^1 = K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) \Rightarrow \tilde H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq [X, S^1]_*$.

Ex: By applying the corollary to $X_+ = X \sqcup \{*\}$ $\quad H^n(X; A) \simeq \tilde H^n(X_+; A) \simeq [X_+, K(A,n)]_*$
$\simeq [X, K(A,n)]$

One can show $[X, S^1] \hookrightarrow$ {isomorphism classes of line bundles}

Examples of spectra

Remember a spectrum $(\{E_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}, E_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega E_{n+1})$

$HA = (\{K(A,n)\}_{n \geq 0}, K(A,n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega K(A, n+1))$ $\quad$ has $\pi_n = A$, 0 other degrees

i.e. it is the spectrum corresponding to $\tilde H^*(-; A)$.

In fact this gives a fully faithful functor $H : (N)\mathrm{Ab} \to \mathrm{Sp}$.

Def: $\mathbb{O} = H0 = (\{*\}, * \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega *)$

Def: $\Omega^\infty : \mathrm{Sp} \to \mathrm{Space}_*$ $\quad (E_n, E_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega E_{n+1}) \mapsto E_0$ (0-th space)

Ex: $\Omega^\infty HA = A$ pointed by the zero element.

Ω^∞ has a left adjoint $\Sigma^\infty : \mathrm{Space}_* \to \mathrm{Sp}$

If $X \in \mathrm{Space}_*$ we can build $\quad \Sigma X \to \Omega\Sigma(\Sigma X)$

$QX = \operatorname{colim}\big(X \to \Omega\Sigma X \xrightarrow{\Omega(\mathrm{unit}_{\Sigma X})} \Omega^2\Sigma^2 X \xrightarrow{\Omega^2 \mathrm{unit}_{\Sigma^2 X}} \cdots\big)\ (= \Omega^\infty\Sigma^\infty X) \in \mathrm{Space}_*$

$\pi_n QX \simeq \pi_n^s X = \operatorname{colim}_m \pi_{n+m}\Sigma^m X = \operatorname{colim}_m \pi_n(\Omega^m\Sigma^m X)$

$\simeq \pi_n\big(\operatorname{colim}_m \Omega^m\Sigma^m X\big) = \pi_n QX$. ⊛ Ω commutes w/ filtered colimits in Space_*

Remark: $\Omega Q\Sigma X \simeq \Omega(\operatorname{colim}_m \Omega^m\Sigma^m \Sigma X) \simeq \operatorname{colim}_m \Omega^{m+1}\Sigma^{m+1} X \simeq QX$.

$\Rightarrow$ We can build a spectrum

$\Sigma^\infty X = \{Q\Sigma^n X,\ Q\Sigma^n X \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega Q\Sigma^{n+1} X\}$

Lemma: Let $X \in \mathrm{Space}_*$, $E \in \mathrm{Sp}$. There's a natural equivalence
$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Sp}}(\Sigma^\infty X, E) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Space}_*}(X, \Omega^\infty E)$$

Proof: $\mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Sp}}(\Sigma^\infty X, E) \simeq \lim_n \mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Space}_*}((\Sigma^\infty X)_n, E_n)$

$\simeq \lim_n \mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Space}_*}(Q\Sigma^n X, E_n) \simeq \lim_n \mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Space}_*}(\operatorname{colim}_m \Omega^m\Sigma^{n+m} X, E_n)$

$\simeq \lim_{n,m} \mathrm{Map}_{\mathrm{Space}_*}(\Omega^n\Sigma^{n+m} X, E_n)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathrm{Map}_*(X, E_0) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \mathrm{Map}(X, \Omega^\infty E) & & \\ \uparrow & & & & \\ \mathrm{Map}_*(\Omega\Sigma X, E_0) & \xleftarrow{\Omega} & \mathrm{Map}_*(\Sigma X, E_1) & & \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \\ \mathrm{Map}_*(\Omega^2\Sigma^2 X, E_0) & \xleftarrow{\Omega} & \mathrm{Map}_*(\Omega\Sigma^2 X, E_1) & \leftarrow & \mathrm{Map}_*(\Sigma^2 X, E_2) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \end{array}$$

We can take the limit over the constant diagonal diagram. □

$X = S^0$, $\Sigma^\infty S^0 = \mathbb{S}$, the corr. cohomology theory stable cohomology

$\pi^{s,n}(Y) = \operatorname{colim}_n [\Sigma^n Y, S^{n+m}]_*\ (= [Y, QS^0]_*)$

Y finite CW