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↓ homotopy equiv

E. Motivation: X G-space, $Y \xrightarrow{\sim} X$, is Y a G-space?

$$Y \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} X$$

Need:

$$h, g \in G \quad \text{If:} \quad \begin{matrix} h_* \\ \downarrow \\ Y \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} f^{-1} \\ \downarrow g_* \\ X \end{matrix} \quad \text{then}$$

$$\begin{matrix} Y & \xleftarrow{f} & X \\ \text{coher} & & f_* f^{-1} \\ \downarrow & & \end{matrix}$$

$$h_* g_* = f h_* f^{-1} f g_* f^{-1} \quad \text{These are homotopic}$$

$$(hg)_* = f(hg)_* f^{-1} = f h_* g_* f^{-1} \quad f^{-1} f \simeq \text{id}_X$$

A G-space X is a diagram (e.g. a functor)

$$BG \xrightarrow{X} \text{Spaces.}$$

Note Spaces has mapping spaces*: Meaning if $X, Y \in \text{Spaces}$, then
 $\text{Map}(X, Y)$ ~~is~~ is a "space" (modulo pt.-set + topology issues, deal w/ later)

whose points are $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and whose paths are homotopies.

$f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic iff they are in the same $\pi_0 \text{Map}(X, Y)$.

An up to homotopy G-space Y is a diagram,

$$BG \longrightarrow h \text{Spaces} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Spaces} \\ \text{homotopy classes of maps} \end{array} \right.$$

defn: A diagram is a functor of (small category) $\rightarrow \text{Spaces}$, & a homotopy-commutative diagram is also $\Delta \rightarrow h \text{Space}$.

Q: Is every htpy commutative diagram "realized" by a commutative diagram? (in the sense of ex-, pre-def'n in lecture notes).

Thm: [Dwyer-Kan-Smith] A htpy commutative diagram may be realized by a strictly commutative diagram if and only if it may be extended to a homotopy coherent diagram.

(in particular in our example

(in fact, the theorem is stronger: equiv. of moduli space
of rectifications & htpy coherent structures)

So, $Y : \mathcal{B}G \rightarrow h\text{-Spaces}$ may be made homotopy coherent.

§ Shape of htpy coherence

Consider $\omega = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow \dots$

A htpy commutative diagram $\omega \rightarrow h\text{-Space}$ has

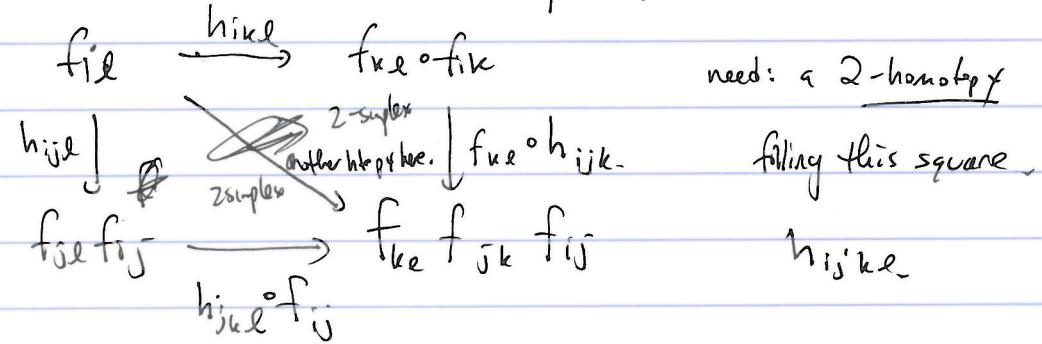
- spaces $X_j \quad \forall j \in \omega$.
- functions $f_{jk} : X_j \rightarrow X_k \quad \forall j < k \in \omega$. s.t.
 $f_{ik} \simeq f_{jk} \circ f_{ij}$ whenever $i < j < k$

to make htpy coherent, :

- pick homotopies h_{ijk} from $f_{ik} \xrightarrow{\sim} f_{jk} \circ f_{ij} \quad i < j < k$
 (paths in $\text{Map}(X_i, X_k)$) .

- For $i < j < k < l$

$$\text{Map}(X_i, X_l)$$



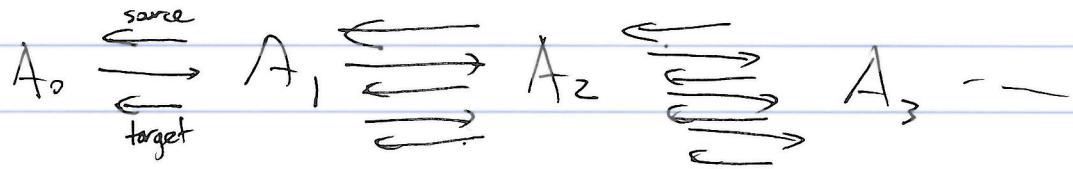
- For $i < j < k < l < m$, in $\text{Map}(X_i, X_m)$, need to pick $\simeq 3$ htpy filling a cube etc.

Simplicial sets are a model for spaces.

Def'n: A simplicial category \mathbf{A}_\bullet consists of

- categories A_n for $n \geq 0$ w/ $\text{ob } A_n = \text{ob } A$

A map in A_n is called an n -arrow, along with



(a simplicial object is cat of cats w/ ob of a, objects & .11 factors identify on objects).

Prop: TFAE:

- A simplicial category \mathbf{A}_\bullet $\text{ob } \mathbf{A}$ as objects ~
- A category enriched over simplicial sets - - -

Proof: If $x, y \in \text{ob } \mathbf{A}$, an n -arrow $x \rightarrow y$ is an n -simplex in $\mathbf{A}(x, y)$.

Def'n (free resolution): For a cat \mathbf{A} , $\mathcal{C}\mathbf{A}$ is a simplicial category, with

- $\text{ob } \mathcal{C}\mathbf{A} = \text{ob } \mathbf{A}$. Write $U\mathbf{A}$ = underlying graph of \mathbf{A} .

FUA is the free category on the underlying category UA .

(adjoint $F \& U$?)

$$(\mathcal{C}\mathbf{A})_n = (FU)^{n+1} \mathbf{A}.$$

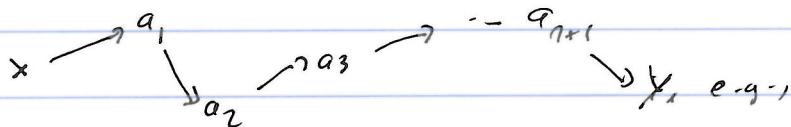
& all arrows are just & count
fwd, back

$$FUA \leftarrow (FU)^2 \mathbf{A} \rightleftarrows (FU)^3 \mathbf{A}$$

↑ duplicate or delete of parentheses.

\mathbf{A} 0-arrow $x \rightarrow y$ is:

Exercise: compute
 $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{a})$. (use all
by "atomic n-arrows"
of relevance to
example!)



$(FU)^2 \mathbf{A}$ is chains

$(a \rightarrow a, \rightarrow -) (- -) (- -) (- -)$

a sequence of composable arrows. An n -arrow is a sequence of composable arrows - each inside exactly n -parentheses.

Ex: BG , there's a simplicial category

$\mathbb{C}(BG)$

$\mathrm{ob} \mathbb{C}BG = *$, 1-arrows $FUBG = FG$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{multiply adjacent chains} & \\ FUBG & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & FUBG^2 \\ & \text{forget} & (g's--) (g'--)(g'--) \\ & \text{parathesize} & \end{array}$$

Def: A htpy coherent diagram of shape A is a simplicial functor

$$\mathbb{C}A \rightarrow \text{Spaces}.$$

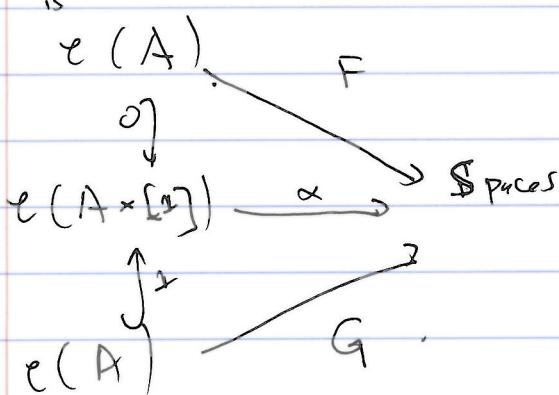
Ex: There is a composition map $\mathbb{C}A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} A$ "compt of adjunction"

(a local htpy equivalence, e.g., between any two objects).

So, any composable diagram gives a htpy compatible one

Def'n: A natural transformation between htpy coh. diagrams $F, G: A \rightarrow \text{Spaces}$, written

$$\alpha: F \rightarrow G$$



(Map may not be invertible, while functors)

$$[1] = 0 \rightarrow 1.$$

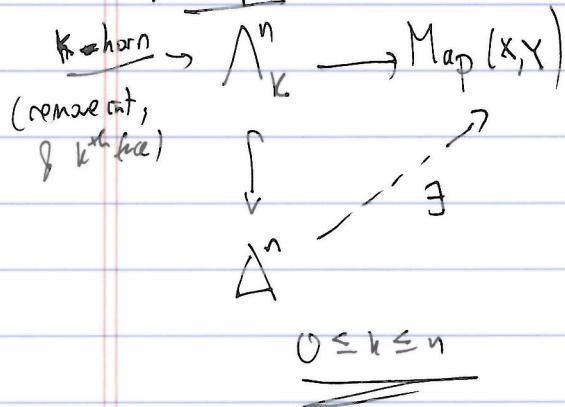
Note: Given $\alpha: F \rightarrow G$, $\beta: G \rightarrow H$ htpy coherent natural transformations, those do not compose uniquely. A composite is witnessed by a htpy coherent diagram of shape $A \times [2]$, where $[n] = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \alpha & & \beta & \\ F & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & G & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & H \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ & \alpha \circ \beta & & & \end{array}$$

Defn: $\text{Coh}(A, \text{Space})$ is a simplicial set whose simplices are $\cdot C(A \times [n]) \rightarrow \text{Space}$.

Thm: (Boardman-Vogt) Since the mapping spaces in Space are "Kan complexes," $\text{Coh}(A, \text{Space})$ is a quasi-category.

Kan complex:



$\text{Coh}(A, \text{Space})$ is a quasi-cat:

if

$$\Delta_k^n \longrightarrow \text{Coh}(A, \text{Space})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta_k^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Coh}(A, \text{Space}) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow g & \nearrow \\ \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{when} \\ & & k \neq 0, n \end{array}$$

$$0 < k < n,$$

Thm (Vogt, Carter-Porter): The natural map

$$\text{Space}^A \rightarrow \text{Coh}(A, \text{Space})$$

of categories

$$\text{Ho}(\text{Space}^A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ho}(\text{Coh}(A, \text{Space})).$$

$$\left(\text{Cat} \xrightleftharpoons[\cup]{F} \text{DrGraph} \right), \quad \begin{aligned} \eta: \text{id}_{\text{Graph}} &\rightarrow \text{UF} \\ \varepsilon: \text{FU} &\rightarrow \text{id}_{\text{Cat}} \end{aligned}$$

Rmk: defining these "strictly unital" diagrams.

In more general notation of different notions of identities, θ is expandable