

Given a spectrum E and a CW-complex X , we can define the generalized homology and cohomology theory on X corresponding to E by

$$\tilde{E}_m X = \pi_m(E \wedge X) \quad (\star)$$

$$\tilde{E}^m X = \pi_{-m} F(X, E) = \pi_0 F(X, E[m]) \quad (1)$$

$$= [X, E_m]. \quad (2)$$

The first is motivated by the sphere spectrum $\mathbb{S} = \Sigma^\infty S^0$ (the corresponding generalized homology theory is $\pi_m^{\mathbb{S}} X = \pi_m \Sigma^\infty X = \pi_m(X \wedge \mathbb{S})$). It turns out that for a CW-complex X , $?\wedge X : \text{Spectra} \rightarrow \text{Spectra}$ preserves weak equivalences.

Comment: With the (co)limit axioms on generalized homology and cohomology, and preservation by weak equivalence axiom, every generalized homology and cohomology theory is represented by some spectrum.

Example .0.1

K -theory cohomology comes from geometry (discuss later). There is still no known geometric interpretation of K -theory homology.

.1. Spectral Sequences: Revisited

Definition .1.1

An exact couple is a long exact sequence of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{i} & D \\ & \swarrow k & \searrow j \\ & E & \end{array}$$

Philosophy: from information about E , can we gain info about D .

We should want D, E to be \mathbb{Z} -graded, with i, j having degree 0 and k having degree -1 .

Massey: Observed that $d_1 = jk$ is a differential on E . We can then define $E' = H(E, d_1)$. We can also define $D' = \text{im}(i : D \rightarrow D)$. There is a derived exact couple

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D' & \xrightarrow{i'} & D' \\ & \swarrow k' & \searrow j' \\ & E' & \end{array}$$

Intuitively, i' induced by i , k' induced by k , j' induced by $j \circ i^{-1}$. But this is not immediately seen to be well-defined.

We need another characterization of E'

$$E' = \frac{\ker jk}{\text{im } jk} = \frac{k^{-1} \ker j}{j \text{ im } k} = \frac{k^{-1} \text{im } i}{j \ker i}$$

Homework #13, Due: Monday Nov 29th

(1) Prove that

$$(a) \ker i' = \text{im } k'$$

$$(b) \ker j' = \text{im } i'$$

$$(c) \ker k' = \text{im } j'.$$

The spectral sequence arises by iterating this process.

Lemma .1.1

$$D^{(m)} = \text{im}(i^m)$$

$$E^{(m)} = k^{-1}(\text{im } i^m) / j(\ker i^m)$$

Often, we have an additional grading, making D, E bigraded. Then we understand $D_{p,q}, E_{p,q}$ are in total degree $n = p + q$. The traditional bidegrees are then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{(1,-1)} & D \\ & \swarrow k \quad \downarrow i \quad \searrow j & \\ & E & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (-1,0) \quad (0,0) \end{array}$$

Then we have in the derived case

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D^r & \xrightarrow{(1,-1)} & D^r \\ & \swarrow k \quad \downarrow i \quad \searrow j & \\ & E^r & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (-1,0) \quad (1-r, r-1) \end{array}$$

We then see d_r has degree $(-r, r-1)$ as usual.

A cohomological spectral sequence is the same, just reverse signs of p, q .

Example .1.1

AHSS (Atiyah-Hirzebruch Spectral Sequence) for a generalized homology theory L .

Here we have $D_{p,q} = L_{p+q}(X_p)$ where X is a CW complex and $E_{p,q} = L_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1})$.

The exact couple is

$$L_{p+q}(X_{p-1}) \longrightarrow L_{p+q}(X_p) \longrightarrow L_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1}) \longrightarrow L_{p+q-1}(X_{p-1})$$

$$D_{p-1,q+1} \xrightarrow{i} D_{p,q} \xrightarrow{j} E_{p,q} \xrightarrow{k} D_{p-1,q}$$

If $r \gg 0$ implies $0 = d^r : E_{p,q}^r \rightarrow \dots$.

Define then $E_{p,q}^\infty = \text{colim}_r E_{p,q}^r$. This happens here because i^{r-1} is the inclusion of a lower dimensional cell, and so its image is eventually zero. This then gives

$$\begin{aligned} E_{p,q}^\infty &= \frac{\ker(L_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1}) \rightarrow L_{p+q-1}(X_{p-1}))}{j(\ker L_{p+q}(X_p) \rightarrow L_{p+q}(X))} \\ &= \frac{\text{im}(L_{p+q}(X_p) \rightarrow L_{p+q})(X_p, X_{p-1})}{\text{im}(\ker(L_{p+q}(X_p) \rightarrow L_{p+q}(X)) \rightarrow L_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1}))} \\ &= L_{p+q}(X_p) / (\text{im } L_{p+q}(X_{p-1}) + \ker(L_{p+q}(X_p) \rightarrow L_{p+q}(X))). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$F_p L_{p+q} X := \text{im } L_{p+q} X_p \rightarrow L_{p+q} X.$$

Then $E_{p,q}^\infty = F_p L_{p+q} X / F_{p-1} L_{p+q} X$

Note: Cohomological AHSS similarly converges to $L^{p+q} X$ with

$$F^p L^{p+q} X = \ker(L^{p+q} X \rightarrow L^{p+q} X^{p-1}).$$

.2. Back to Spectra

In Equation (\star), we would really like X to also be a spectrum. Then we have

$$E_m X = L\pi_m(X \wedge E)$$

$$E^m X = \pi_{-m}F(X, E).$$

What do these mean? Well defining $X \wedge E$ by spectrifying $X_m \wedge E_m$ is wrong. A good way to see this is it doesn't satisfy $\Sigma^\infty Z \wedge E \sim Z \wedge E$ even for E cell.

Select two non-decreasing sequences α_m, β_m in \mathbb{N}_0 such that $\alpha_m + \beta_m = m$. With $\alpha_m, \beta_m \rightarrow \infty$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$E \wedge F = LD$$

$$D_m = E_{\alpha_m} \wedge F_{\beta_m}.$$

Then $F(Z, ?)$ is right adjoint to $Z \wedge ?$.

This gives a closed symmetric monoidal structure on $DSpectra$. But not on $Spectra$ because of the choice of (α_m, β_m) .

But you might want that structure on spectra! (rigid rings, modules in Spectra!)

Next Semester: Math 697 (introduction to current methods).