

Definition .0.1

The mapping cocylinder of a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is

$$Nf := \{(x, \omega) \mid x \in X, \omega : [0, 1] \rightarrow Y, \omega(0) = f(x)\}$$

The projection $(x, \omega) \mapsto x$ is a homotopy equivalence $N(f) \simeq X$. Furthermore $(x, \omega) \mapsto \omega(1)$ is a fibration. This leads to a way to replace maps by fibrations

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Cf & \longrightarrow & Nf & \longrightarrow & Y \\ & & \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ & & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

The dual version with $f : Y \rightarrow X$ and the mapping cylinder $Mf = (Y \times [0, 1]) \amalg X / (y, 0) \sim f(y)$ we have $y \mapsto (y, 1)$ is a cofibration.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Y & \longrightarrow & Mf & \longrightarrow & Cf \\ \text{Id} \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow & & \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X & & \end{array}$$

Theorem .0.1 (Serre Spectral Sequence)

Let $F \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ be a fibration with $\pi_0 Y, \pi_1 Y = 0$. Then there is a spectral sequence

$$E_{pq}^2 = H_p(Y, H_q(F; A)) \Rightarrow H_{p+q}(X; A)$$

(Y general also works. Have to use homology with local coefficients).

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} d^r : E_{pq}^r &\rightarrow E_{p-r, q+r-1}^r E^{r+1} &= H(E^r, d^r) \\ E_{pq}^\infty &= \text{colim } E_{pq}^r \end{aligned}$$

There is an exhaustive filtration $F_{-1} = 0, F_p H_m(X; A)$ with $\bigcup F_p H_m(X; A) = H_m(X; A)$.

We don't have to worry about convergence because the Serre spectral sequence exists entirely in the first quadrant. Recall also that

$$F_p H_{p+q} X / F_{p-1} H_{p+q}(X) = E_{pq}^\infty$$

Also there is a cohomological spectral sequence:

$$E_2^{pq} = H^p(Y; H^q(F; A)) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(X; A)$$

In this case we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_r : E_r^{pq} &\rightarrow E_r^{p+r, q-r+1} \\ E_{r+1} &= H(E_r, d_r) \\ F_0 H^m(X; A) &= H^m(X; A) \\ F_0 &\supseteq F_1 \supseteq \cdots \end{aligned}$$

And for $N \gg 0$ we have $F_N H^m(X; A) = 0$. We then also have

$$E_\infty^{pq} = \text{colim } E_r^{pq} = F^p H^{p+q}(X; A) / F^{p+1} H^{p+q}(X; A).$$

If A is a commutative ring, then E_r is a spectral sequence of rings. That is E_r are bigraded rings, graded-commutative with respect to the total degree $p + q$ and d_r satisfies

$$d_r(xy) = (d_r x) \cdot y + (-1)^{|x|} x \cdot d_r(y)$$

Where $|x|$ is the total degree of x .

This is in Serre's thesis (paraphrased less rigorously in Spanier's book).

Homework #7

- (1) Calculate completely the homological and cohomological Serre spectral sequence of the Hopf fibration $S^1 \rightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ with coefficients in \mathbb{Z} . (Note this is unreduced, so we have to worry about degree zero).

... back to generalized cohomology. In the based version for $X \xrightarrow{f} \rightarrow^i Cf$ we have

- (1) $\tilde{E}^m Cf \xrightarrow{i^*} \tilde{E}^m Y \xrightarrow{f^*} \tilde{E}^m X$ is exact
- (2) $\tilde{E}^m X \cong \tilde{E}^{m+1} \Sigma X$.
- * $\tilde{E}^m \bigvee_i X_i \cong \prod_i \tilde{E}^m(X_i)$

If I have a sequence of based spaces Z_m , $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $Z_m \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega$ then I can put $\tilde{E}^m X := [X, Z_m]$. It turns out (in a proper setting) to be an if and only if, every generalized cohomology (satisfying 3*) is given like this.

... Something is being swept under the rug. Namely $C_{\text{based}} f$ may not be homotopy equivalent to $C_{\text{unbased}} f$ and $\Sigma X \simeq SX$ might not hold. We should require that $* \hookrightarrow X, Y$ are cofibrations for the unbased and based constructions to agree.

Example .0.1

"Ordinary" cohomology = singular cohomology with coefficients in A (abelian group). What are the spaces Z_m ? Well test it for $X = S^k$. Then

$$\pi_k Z_m = [S^k, Z_m] = \tilde{H}^m(S^k; A) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } k = m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This is called an Eilenberg-MacLane space, $K(A, m)$ has $\pi_m(K(A, m)) = A$ and $\pi_n(K(A, m)) = 0$ whenever $n \neq m$. (for $m = 1$, $K(A, 1) \simeq BA$)

There are loose ends to tie up

- (1) Are the spaces $K(A, m)$ unique up to homotopy equivalence?
- (2) Do we automatically have $K(A, m-1) \simeq \Omega K(A, m)$?
- (3) For what (based) spaces X is $\tilde{H}^m(X; A)$ determined just by the fact that $Z_m = K(A, m)$?

An answer: For X a CW-complex $\tilde{H}^m(X; A)$ is determined. Namely $X_m/X_{m-1} = \bigvee_{I_m} S^m$, and we know the cohomology of this. Functoriality hands us $C_{\text{cell}}^*(X; A)$, telling us $H_{\text{cell}}^m(X; A) = H^m(X; A)$.

The moral of the story:

- Develop a notion of "equivalence of spaces" using homotopy groups.
- Approximate spaces by CW-complexes with respect to this equivalence
- An equivalence of CW-complexes is a homotopy equivalence.

Next time: Another (first "nontrivial") example of generalized cohomology, K -theory. Based on

$$U(m) = m \times n \text{ complex matrices whose columns form an orthonormal basis of } \mathbb{C}^m.$$

Then $U(m) \subseteq U(m+1)$ with

$$A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $U := \bigcup_m U(m)$ with the union topology.

Theorem .0.2 (Bott)

Bott periodicity tells us that $\Omega^2 U \simeq U$.

The corresponding generalized cohomology theory for $Z_{2m+1} := U$, $Z_{2m} := \Omega U$ is called (topological complex) K -theory.