

Stable Homotopy Theory

Motivation: Some Impossible Goals

Attempt 1: Classify Top

$X = \text{Ob}(\text{Top})$
 $Y = \text{Mor}(\text{Top})$

Fully Understand these as
 (spaces?, stacks?, alg structs?)

↳ Hard! Enriched over itself
 $\text{Top}(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$ not contractible

$\text{Emb}(X, Y), \text{Homeo}(X), \text{MCG}(X), \dots$

↳ Weird! Space-filling curves

$\text{Top}(A, B) \rightarrow [A, B]$

$\text{Homeo Types} \cong \text{Homotopy Types}$

Eg $\mathbb{R}^n \not\cong \mathbb{R}^m$ when $m \neq n$
 ("Invariance of domain", Brouwer 1912)

But $\mathbb{R}^1 \simeq \mathbb{R}^m \simeq \mathbb{R}^0 = \{*\}$.

Q: When are hty-equiv spaces homeo?

Attempt 2: Classify hoTop

↳ Still hard!

Simplest case is wide open:

$$\pi_* S^* := \{ [S^n, S^m] \mid n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0} \} \text{ only barely known!}$$

$n, m \geq 2$: Simply connected Compact Smooth mFds (nice)

Freudenthal Suspension Theorem (Cor)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} [S^{n+k}, S^n] & \xrightarrow{\Sigma^*} & [S^{n+k+1}, S^{n+1}] \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ \pi_{n+k} S^n & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \pi_{n+k+1} S^{n+1} \end{array} \right\} \text{ for } n \geq k+2$$

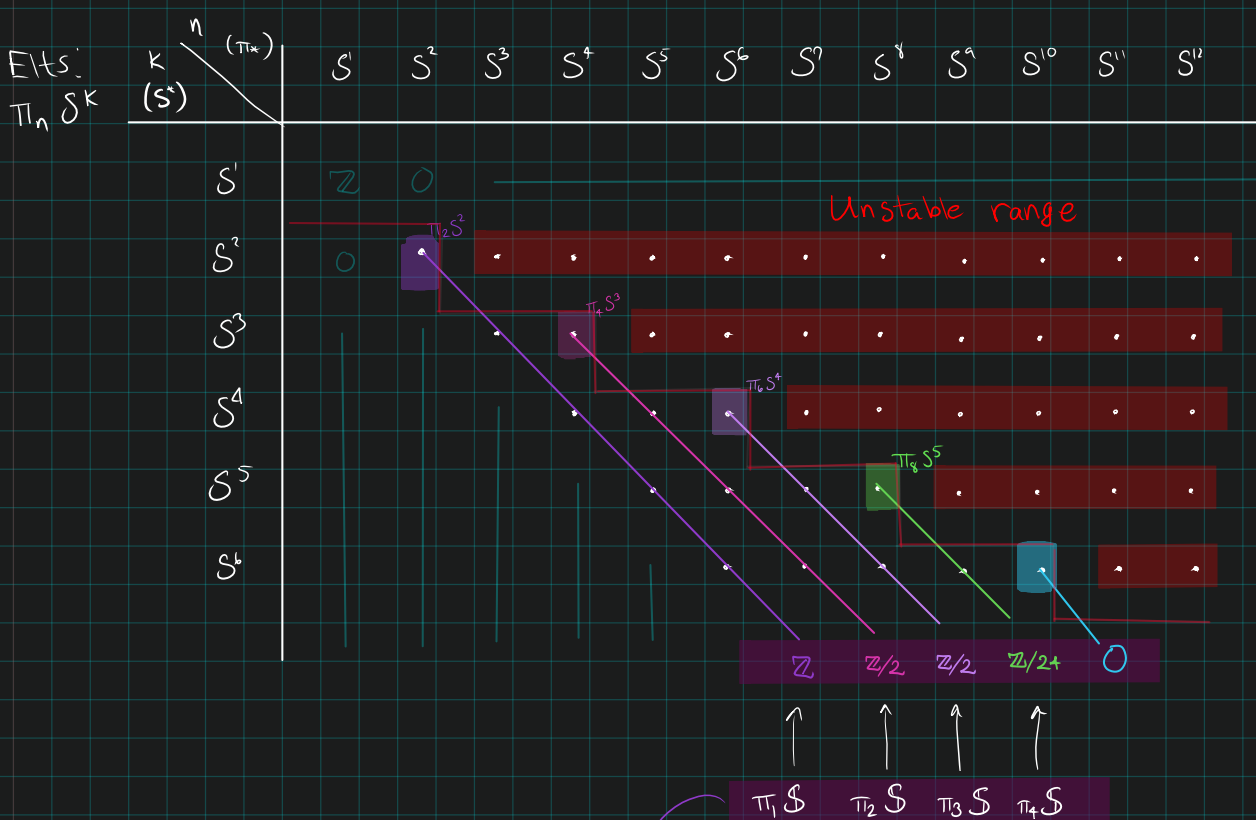
Def: $\pi_k^{\text{st}} S^n := \varinjlim_k \pi_{n+k} S^{n+k}$

↳ Take $n = k+2$

k	$\pi_{2k+2} S^{k+2}$
0	$\pi_2 S^2$
1	$\pi_4 S^3$
2	$\pi_6 S^4$
3	$\pi_8 S^5$
⋮	⋮

bidegree (2, 1)

Homotopy Groups of Spheres



Attempt 3: Classify "Stab(hoTop)" $\approx \mathcal{E}_p$

↳ Make Ω, Σ endofunctors inducing self-equivs

$\bigoplus_{i,j} [S^i, S^j]^{S^+}$
 (hoTop)

package up $\rightarrow \pi_* S$ ("Spectra")

Many models

Rmk: can localize $S \rightarrow S_{(p)}$
 p -local Sphere Spectra

$\text{holim}(\dots \rightarrow L_{E(1)} S_{(p)} \rightarrow L_{E(0)} S_{(p)} \simeq S_{(p)})$
 $\leadsto$ Chromatic hty theory!

Try to compute

- One prime at a time
- One "level" at a time

Serre, 1951

All torsion, except with a free
 $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} - 1$ summand when $\begin{cases} K=3 \text{ mod } 4 \text{ \& } \\ n \text{ even} \end{cases}$

(We don't even know all p -torsion for any p !)

Why Care About $\pi_* S$?

↳ Building CW complexes

• Hatcher 0.18: For $A \subseteq X$ CW

$[f] = [g]: A \rightarrow Y$ an attaching map,

$$X \sqcup_f Y \simeq X \sqcup_g Y \quad (\text{rel } Y)$$

⇒ Need gluing data to find the homotopy type!

Attaching maps: $\{ \phi_n^i \in \text{Top}(\partial B^n, X^{n-1}) \}_{i \in I}$

Iterated pushouts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\phi_n^i} & X^{n-1} \\ \partial \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ D^n & \rightarrow & X^n \end{array}$$

S^{n-1}

$\leq n$ cells $\cong S^1, S^2, \dots$

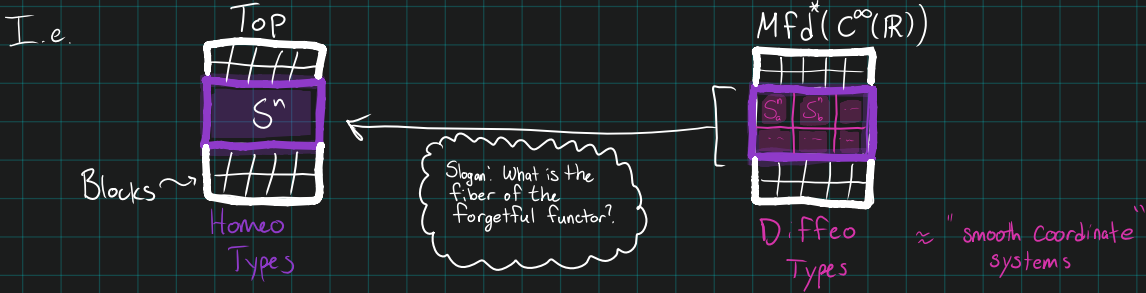
Ex: Where do $\pi_* S^n$ show up?

Art break!



Why Care About $\pi_* S$?

Question: For which n are there exotic S^n ?



• (Milnor, '56) $\exists$ exotic S^7 's

Θ_n

• $\{\text{Smooth structures on } S^n\} \xrightarrow{\cong} \{\text{Oriented hty } S^n\} / \sim_{h\text{-cobordism}}$

Finite abelian group under $\#$ for $n \neq 4$.

For $n=4$, very open (Poincaré!!!)

• There is a map

$$\Theta_n / bP_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \pi_n S / J$$

Cokernel of the
"J-homomorphism"

$$J: \pi_k SO_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \pi_{n+k} S^n$$

The image is either

• Index 2

Kervaire invariant one problem

• Index 1, an iso if $\exists M \in Mfd_{Fr}^n(C^\infty)$ s.t. $\Phi(M) = 1$

Φ : Kervaire Invariant

Thm (Hill-Hopkins-Ravenel): These can only exist in dimensions

$n = 2, 6, 14, 30, 62, \dots, 2^k - 2$, $\Phi \neq 0$

Only open case: $n = 126!$

(Atiyah had some conjectures!)

Crash Course: Spaces

For Spaces

- $\text{Top} := \text{Top}_*^{\text{CW}}$, pointed CGWH ("Spaces")

- $A \wedge B := \frac{A \times B}{A \vee B} \in \text{Top}$

- $\Sigma A := S^1 \wedge A \in \text{Top}_*$, $\Sigma^k A := (S^1)^{\wedge k} \wedge A \cong S^k \wedge A$

k-fold
Smash

- $\Omega A := \text{Top}(S^1, A)$ w/ compact-open topology

- $[A, B] := \text{Top}(A, B) / \text{homotopy}$

- $\pi_k A := [S^k, A] \cong [\Sigma^k S^0, A]$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &\cong [S^0, \Omega^k A] \\ &= \pi_0 \Omega^k A \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Loop spaces!}$$

- $[A, B]_{\in \text{Top}}^{\text{st}} := \text{colim} \left([A, B] \rightarrow [\Sigma A, \Sigma B] \xrightarrow{\Sigma} [\Sigma^2 A, \Sigma^2 B] \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \dots \right)$
 $= \text{colim}_j [\Sigma^j A, \Sigma^j B]$

Stabilizes by
Freudenthal.

- $\pi_k^{\text{st}} A := [S^0, A]_{\in \text{Top}}^{\text{st}}$ using $\Sigma S^k \cong S^{k+1}$

Tools From Top that we want in Sp

(CGWH, Classical model struct)

• Homotopy gps

$$\pi_* : \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Gr}^{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Ab}$$

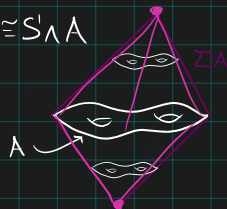
$$X \mapsto \pi_* X := \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} [S^i, X]$$

A corepresentable
functor

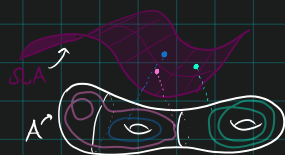
• Suspension - Loop Adjunction

$$[\Sigma A, B] \cong [A, \Omega B]$$

$$\Sigma A \cong S^1 \wedge A$$



$$\Omega A = \text{Top}(S^1, A)$$



• Puppe (Cofibre)

$$(X \xrightarrow{f} Y) \rightsquigarrow (X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow C_f)$$

Cofib. replacement

1) Resolve

Extract hofibers

$$\begin{array}{c} X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow C_f \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y \rightarrow \Sigma C_f \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \Sigma^2 X \rightarrow \Sigma^2 Y \rightarrow \Sigma^2 C_f \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

LES^{cof}

BTW:

$$C_f = Y \sqcup_f CX$$

2) Apply a functor
 $F(\cdot) = [\cdot, k(G, 1)]$
("Takes homology")

$$H^i(\Sigma X) \cong H^{i-1}(X)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H^i X \xrightarrow{f} H^i Y \rightarrow H^i C_f \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ H^{i-1} X \rightarrow H^{i-1} Y \rightarrow H^{i-1} C_f \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

LES in homology.

$$H_n C_f = H_n(Y \sqcup_f CX)$$

$$= H_n(Y/X)$$

$$= H_n(Y, X) \quad (\text{LES of a pair.})$$

• Puppe (fiber)

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightsquigarrow (M_f \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow Y)$$

fibration

1) Resolve

Extract hofibers

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdots \rightarrow \Omega^2 Y \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \Omega M_f \rightarrow \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ M_f \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

LES^{fib}

2) Apply a functor
 $G(\cdot) = [S^0, \cdot]$

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_k M_f \rightarrow \pi_k X \rightarrow \pi_k Y \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow \pi_{k-1} M_f \rightarrow \pi_{k-1} X \rightarrow \pi_{k-1} Y \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

LES in homotopy

Relative hty LES, using

$$\pi_0 \Omega^* M_f := [S^0, \Omega^* M_f] = [S^0 \wedge S^0, M_f] = \pi_k M_f \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_k(Y, X).$$

See Eckmann-Hilton duality!

(Cohomology dual = homotopy)

Tools from Top that we want in Sp:

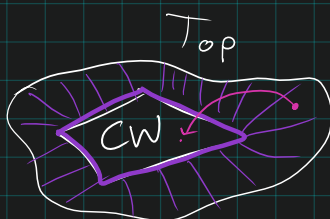
Weak equivalences

$W = \text{Hty equivs}$

$$\text{Top}^W(\cdot, \cdot) \xrightarrow[\text{Apply the functor}]{\Pi(\cdot)} \text{GrAb}^{\approx}(\cdot, \cdot) \xrightarrow[\text{Induce isos on } \Pi]{\sim} \text{GrAb}^{\approx}(\cdot, \cdot)$$

Cofibrant objects & replacement

$\text{Top}^{\text{CW}} \hookrightarrow \text{Top}$, every $X \in \text{Top}$ weakly equiv to some $X' \in \text{Top}^{\text{CW}}$ by CW approximation



A functor $\text{Top} \rightarrow \text{hoTop}$ where $\text{ho}(W)$ are isomorphisms

$$\hookrightarrow \cong \text{Top}[W^{-1}]$$

and hoTop is triangulated

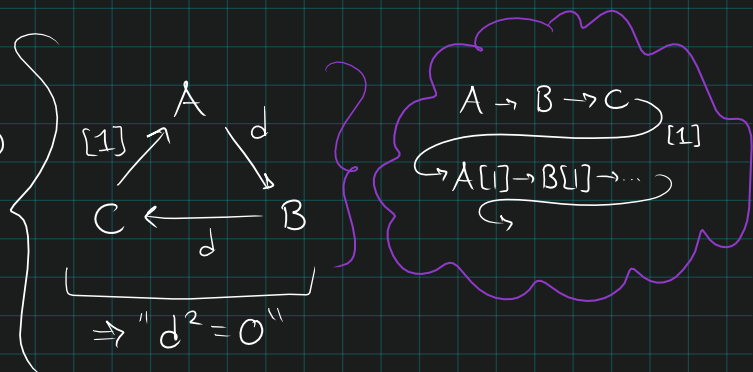
Image of weak equivalences

Eg:

- $K(A)$: $\text{Ob} = \text{Ch}(A)$, $\text{Mor} = \text{Mor}(\text{Ch}(A)) / \text{chain hty}$
- $D(A) = \text{Ch}(A)[W^{-1}]$, $W = \text{quasi-isomorphisms}$

Shift functor $F(\cdot) = (\cdot)[1] = \Sigma(\cdot)$

Exact Triangles



Spectral Sequences

Ex A Serre fibration induces

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \rightarrow & E \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & B \end{array}$$

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(B, H^q(F)) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(E)$$

(Serre Spectral Sequence)

In $\mathcal{S}_p$

Ex $[Sp(A, B)]$ induces:

$$E_2^{p,q} = E_{\infty}^{p,q} \left(\overset{\text{Known singular cohomology}}{H^*A, H^*B} \right) \Rightarrow \underbrace{[A, \widehat{B}_p]}_{\text{Get info}} \underset{\text{Steenrod}}{\downarrow} \underset{\text{p-completion}}{\downarrow}$$

(Adams Spectral Sequence)

Building blocks

Eilenberg - MacLane Spaces

$$\pi_* K(G, n) = \begin{cases} G, & * = n \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Moore Spaces

$$H_* M(G, n) = \begin{cases} G, & * = n \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Context: A Category of Spectra

• Def ($\mathcal{S}p^{\mathbb{N}}$, sequential spectra)

Notation: $\mathcal{S}p := \mathcal{S}p^{\mathbb{N}}$

• Objects:

$$\text{Ob}(\mathcal{S}p) = \left[\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \uparrow \\ \Sigma X_0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\sigma_0} \\ \downarrow \Omega \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Sigma X_1 \\ \downarrow \Omega \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} \\ \downarrow \Omega \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Sigma X_2 \\ \downarrow \Omega \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} \\ \downarrow \Omega \end{array} \dots \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sigma_n \in \text{Top}_*(\Sigma X_n, X_{n+1})$$

$$w_n \in \text{Top}^w(X_n, \Omega X_{n+1})$$

• Morphisms:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma X_n & \xrightarrow{\Sigma f_n} & \Sigma Y_n \\ \sigma_n^x \downarrow & \text{int} \downarrow & \downarrow \sigma_n^y \\ X_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} & Y_{n+1} \end{array} \right\}$$

Note: Not all spectra are in $\mathcal{S}p^{\mathbb{N}}$!

Eg: K-Theory

Examples of Spectra

Suspension Spectrum

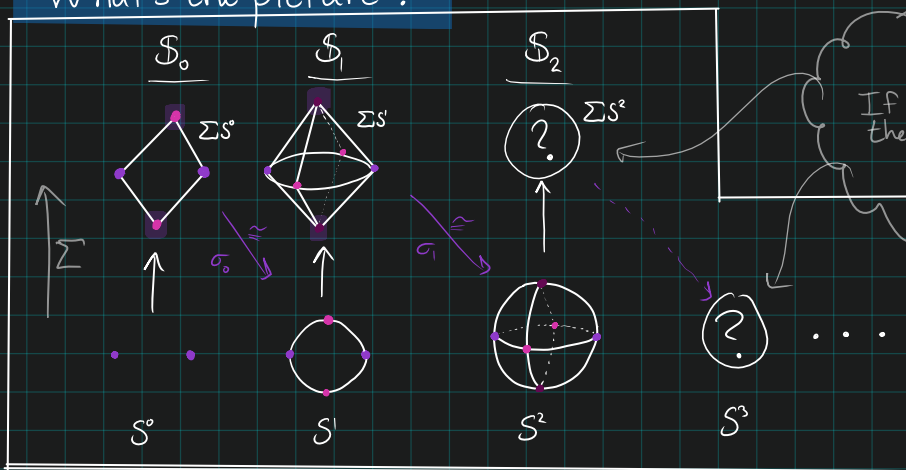
$$\cdot \sum_{(K \in \text{Top})}^{\infty} K = \left[S^{\wedge} K, S^1 \wedge K, S^2 \wedge K, \dots \right] \quad \text{Rmk}$$

Embeds $\text{Top} \hookrightarrow \text{Sp}$.

Sphere Spectrum

$$\cdot S := \sum_{\infty} S^{\circ} = [S^{\circ}, S^1, S^2, \dots] \quad (\text{Using } S^1 \wedge S^k \cong S^{k+1})$$

What's the picture?



Moore Spectrum

$\cdot MG := \text{Complicated!}$

But have $H_* MG = 0$ for $* \neq 0$

& $M\mathbb{Z}/n \approx \text{hocolim} (S \xrightarrow{\cdot n} S)$

Slogans:

$\cdot \text{Smash} \approx \otimes_R$

$\cdot S \approx \mathbb{Z}$

Eg Cohomology Theories

Brown Representability: "nice" functors $F^n: CW_* \rightarrow Gr^{\mathbb{Z}} Ab$
(reduced cohomology theories) will be representable in $ho CW_*$:

$$F^n(X) \cong [X, E^n] \text{ for some } E^n \in CW_*$$

$\leadsto$ Assemble into a spectrum $E \in Sp$

$\leadsto$ Recover as $E^n(X) = [(\Sigma^n)^{-1} \Sigma^\infty X, E] \in ho Sp$.

Slogan: Spectra functorially represent cohomology theories.

Eilenberg MacLane Spectrum

$$HG := [K(G, 0), K(G, 1), K(G, 2), \dots]$$

Represents $H_{Sing}^*(\cdot; G)$

Lifting Homological Algebra

• For any ring R , can form a category

$$HR\text{-mod}^{Sp} = HR\text{-module spectra}$$

• Use model categories: equip $Ch(R\text{-mod})$ with a projective model structure

$\approx$ Recipe for computing homology $\approx$ "resolve" by a subcategory of nice objects (projective R -modules)

• Thm (Dold-Kan, roughly!)

There is an equivalence of model categories

$$\underbrace{HR\text{-mod}}_{\text{Homotopy}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \underbrace{Ch(R\text{-mod})}_{\text{Homology}}$$

Eg

$$\text{For spaces } H_{Sing}^*(X; M) \cong \pi_* \left(\Sigma^\infty X \wedge HM \right)$$

"Brave new algebra"

$$\text{Rings} \hookrightarrow Sp$$



$$Ew\text{-Ring } Sp$$

Commutates and associates only up to "coherent homotopy"

$$a \cdot b \leadsto b \cdot a$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (ab)c \cdot d & & \\ & \nearrow \sim & & \nwarrow ? & \\ (a(bc)) \cdot d & & & & (ab)(cd) \\ & \nwarrow ? & & \nearrow ? & \\ & a(bc(d)) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & a(b(cd)) & \end{array}$$

Fill with an "interpolating cell"

$\vdots$ etc for n -fold multiplication!

• K-Theory Spectra

Take the category

$$\text{Ob} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} F \rightarrow E \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Mor} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} E \rightarrow E' \\ \downarrow \quad \swarrow \\ X \end{array} \right\}$$

Mon: Whitney sum $\oplus$

Monoidal structure

Monoidal category: use

Grothendieck construction to group complete.

$$\leadsto KU^{\circ}(X)$$

This yields a homology theory $KU(\cdot) \leadsto KU \in Sp$

Rmk: Can take similar for coherent sheaves on Noetherian schemes
 $\leadsto$ Intersection theory!

Rmk: Similar story for abelian cats in rep theory:

$$G \xrightarrow{\text{semisimplification}} R_G(k) = \left\{ \text{f.g. } K[G]\text{-modules} \right\} \quad \left/ \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B = A + C \text{ for} \\ \text{all SES} \\ 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\} \right.$$

Representation ring

Forces " $V = \bigoplus V_i$ "

irreps

Formal Group Laws & the Lazard Ring

Def: A formal group $\mathcal{F}$ over R is a power series

$$F(x,y) \in R[[x,y]] \text{ s.t.}$$

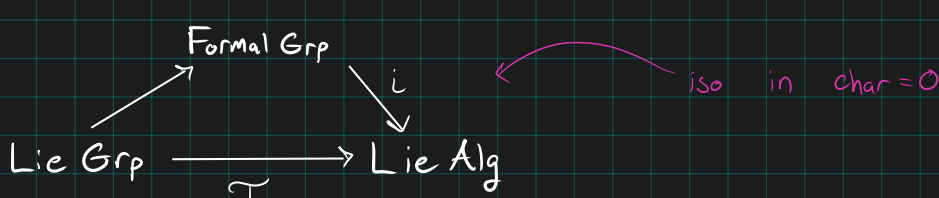
- $x \oplus y = x + y \pmod{(x,y)} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} x \oplus y = x + y \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{ terms of } \deg \geq 2, O(x,y,xy)$
- $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z \quad (\text{Assoc})$
- $x \oplus y = y \oplus x \quad (\text{Commut.})$
- $x \oplus 0_R = x$
 $0_R \oplus y = y \quad (\text{identity})$
- $\exists g \in R[[t]] \text{ s.t. } t \oplus g = 0 \quad (\text{inverse})$

Ex

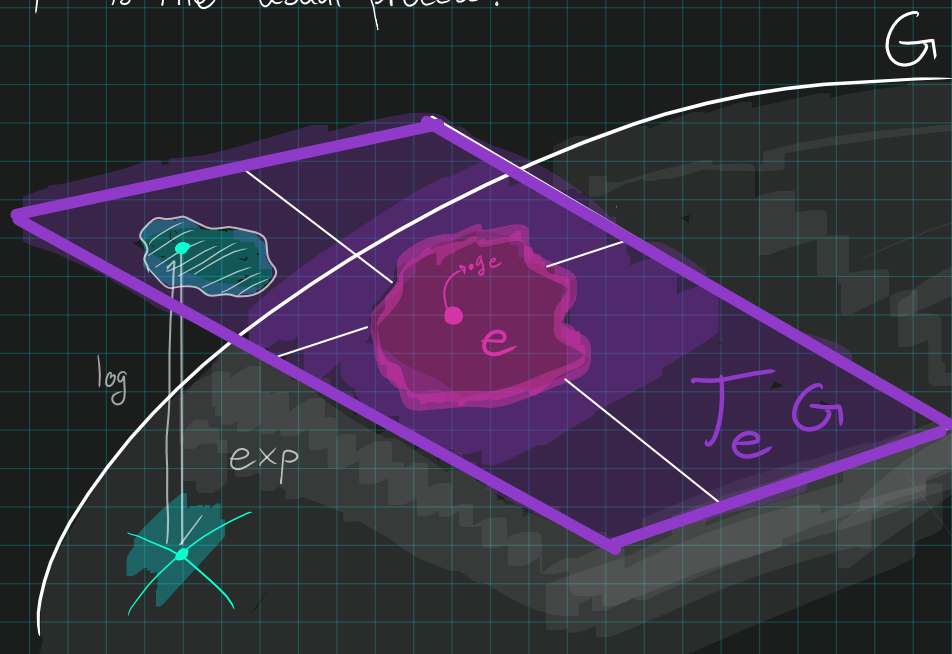
$$\hat{G}_a: x \oplus y = x + y$$

$$\hat{G}_m: x \oplus y = x + y + xy = (1+x)(1+y) - 1$$

Motivation: Analytic Lie Groups in char $p > 2$



Where τ is the usual process:



Choose coordinates, then $f(x) = gx$ has a power series expansion in some nbhd of e .

$$\text{In ch} = 0, \quad \hat{G}_m(G) \xrightarrow{\sim} \hat{G}_a(G)$$

$$1+x \mapsto \log(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

Def The height of f is $ht(f) := \max \left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists g \in R[[t]] \text{ s.t. } f(t) = t^{p^n} \right\}$

(i.e. leading term is ax^{p^n})

Prop: $E \in \text{Ell} \Rightarrow E$ has a FGL of $ht=1$ or 2

Prop (Silverman): Let K be perfect, $\text{ch } K = p$, $E_K \in \text{Ell}$.

Then TFAE:

- $E[p^k] = 0$ for all $k \geq 0$
- The formal group associated to $\hat{E}_K$ is height 2
- E is supersingular.

If none hold,

- $E[p^k] \cong \mathbb{Z}/p^k \quad \forall k \geq 1$, and
- The formal group has height 1.

Relation to Stable Homotopy

$\pi_* MU$ = Universal Lazard ring $\mathcal{L}$

$$\cong \left\{ \text{Almost-complex } \tilde{C}(R)\text{-mlds} \right\} / \text{cobordism}$$

Surprisingly!

- The universal coefficient ring for all formal groups is given explicitly by

$$\mathcal{L}: F(x,y) = \sum \alpha_{ij} x^i y^j$$

Where if G is any FGL, there is a ring morphism

$$\phi: G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$$

$$\text{s.t. } G(x,y) = \sum \phi(\alpha_{ij}) x^i y^j.$$

- The functor

$$\text{FGL}: CRing \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$R \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Formal group} \\ \text{laws on } R \end{array} \right\}$$

is representable by $\mathcal{L}$.

- Can form the moduli stack $\mathcal{M}_{FG}$

$$\text{Stratified: } \mathcal{M}_{FG}^n(R) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Formal group laws} \\ \text{of height } n \\ \text{over } R \end{array} \right\}$$

Landweber

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{"}\mathbb{G}\text{"-oriented} \\ \text{cohomology theories} \end{array} \right\} \subseteq \text{Spectra}$$

Induces a

filtration

Deformations

Lubin-Tate theory

(the chromatic filtration)

Claim (?): There is an "embedding" of stacks

$$\mathcal{M}_g \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{FG}$$

moduli of elliptic curves

On Ncatlab but

no proof linked!

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Derived Algebraic Geometry

(c/o Lurie)

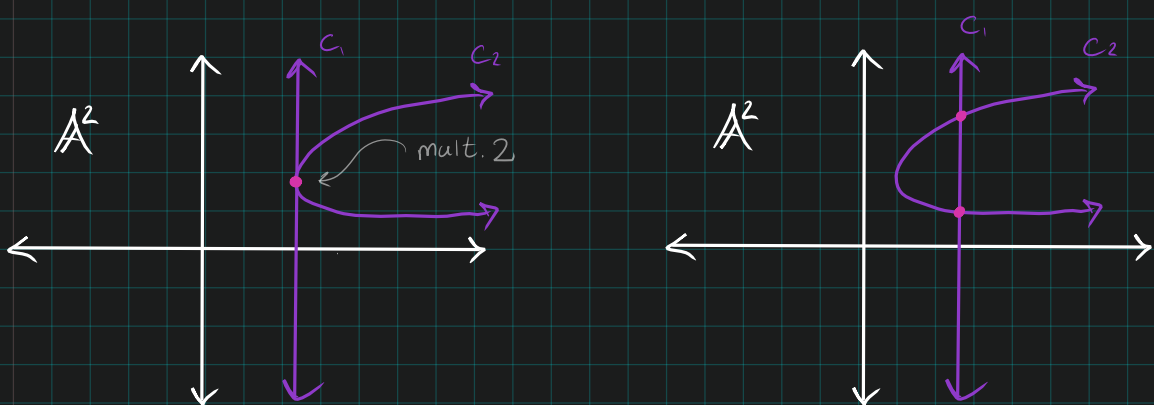
Motivation: Bezout

For $C_1, C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2_{\mathbb{C}}$ curves, if $C_1 \cap C_2$ then

$$[C_1] \cup [C_2] = [C_1 \cap C_2]$$

Problem

Fails if not transverse: multiplicity!



Fix 1: If $\deg C_i = d_i$, then

$$d_1 \cdot d_2 = \sum_{C_1 \cap C_2} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (\mathcal{O}_{C_1} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}} \mathcal{O}_{C_2})$$

impose simultaneous equations

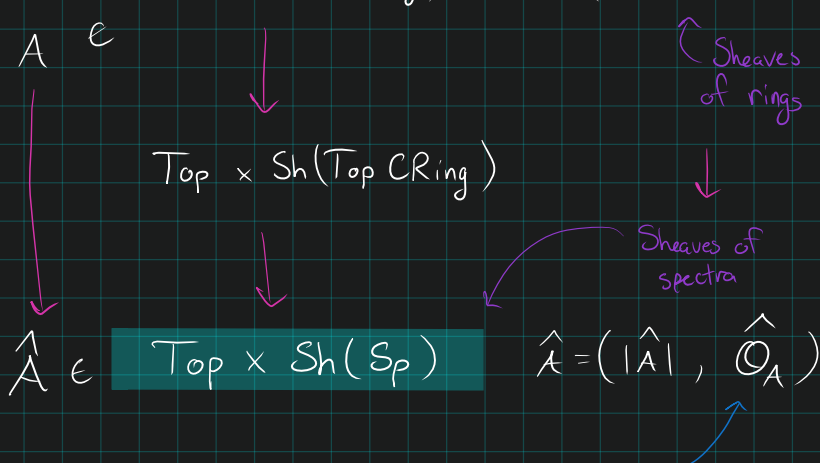
Problem

Fails in higher dimensions. ☹

Fix 2: Serre's intersection formula:

$$d_1 d_2 = \sum_{p \in C_1 \cap C_2} (-1)^i \dim \operatorname{Tor}_i^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}} (\mathcal{O}_{C_1}, \mathcal{O}_{C_2})$$

Idea: Replace schemes $\in \operatorname{Top} \times \operatorname{Sh}(\operatorname{CRing})$ $A = (|A|, \mathcal{O}_A)$



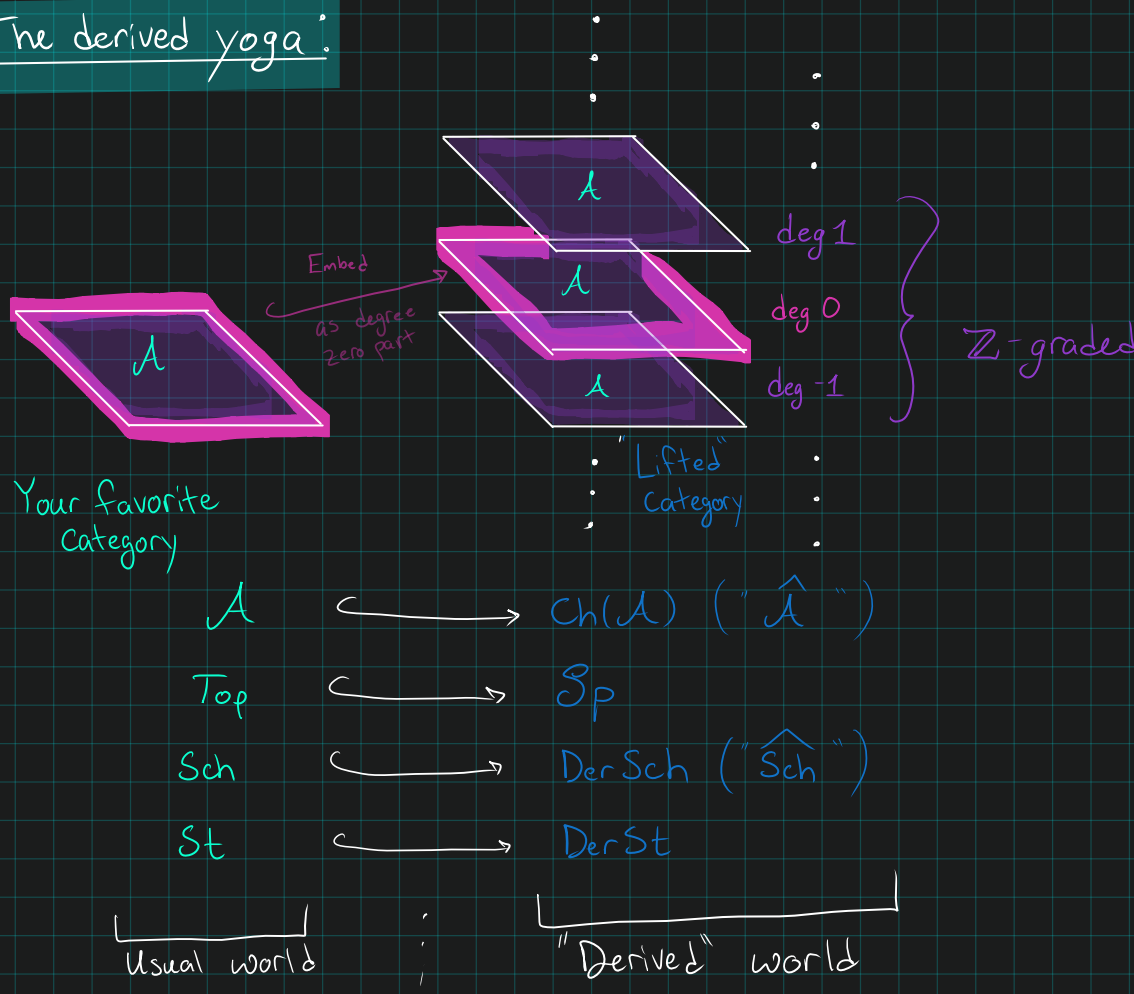
Where locally $\operatorname{Spec} A = \operatorname{Spec} \pi_0 \hat{A}$

& replace: $-\otimes_R-$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $-\otimes_R^{\mathbb{L}}-$] derived tensor product

$\rightsquigarrow$ now carries higher homotopical data!

and $(\hat{A}, \pi_0 \hat{\mathcal{O}}_A)$ is a scheme with $\pi_k \hat{\mathcal{O}}_A \in \pi_0 \hat{\mathcal{O}}_A \text{-mod}^{q\text{-coh}}$

The derived yoga:





Thank
You!