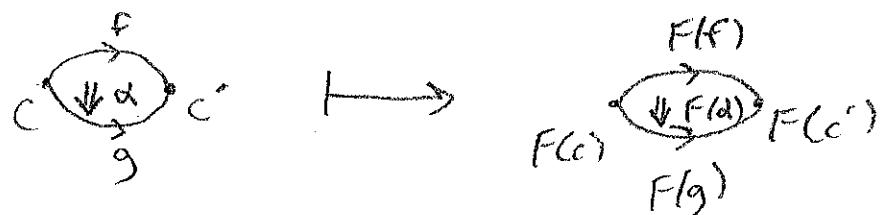


# The Walking Monad

Def - Given 2-categories  $C$  and  $D$ , a 2-functor  $F: C \rightarrow D$  consists of:

- a function called  $F$  sending objects of  $C$  to objects of  $D$
- given any 2 objects  $c, c' \in C$ , a functor again called  $F$ :

$$F: \text{hom}_C(c, c') \rightarrow \text{hom}_D(F(c), F(c'))$$



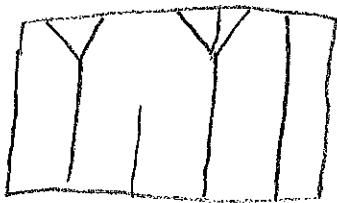
preserving composition  $\circ$  and identities.

Def - The walking monad  $M$  is the 2-category with:

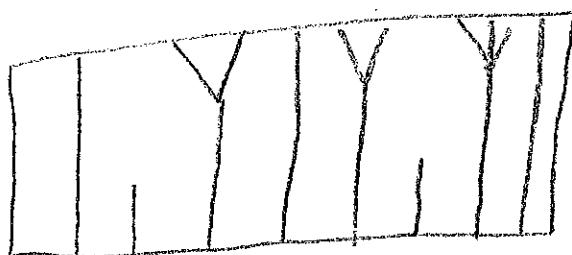
- one object  $* \in M$
- $\text{hom}_M(*, *) = \Delta^0$ ; the augmented simplex category, with:
  - objects are finite ordinals
  - $[0] = \{\}$
  - $[1] = \{0\}$
  - $[2] = \{0, 1\}$
- morphisms are order preserving maps

- $\circ \hom_M(*, *) \times \hom_M(*, *) \rightarrow \hom_M(*, *)$  looks like this

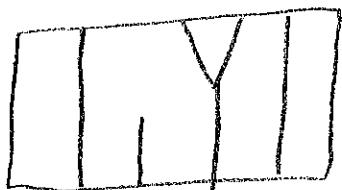
$$\beta =$$



$$d\circ\beta =$$



$$\alpha =$$



(If  $d: [m] \rightarrow [n]$ ,  $\beta: [m'] \rightarrow [n']$ ,  
then  $d\circ\beta: [m+m'] \rightarrow [n+n']$

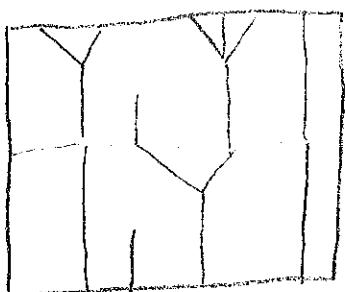
- only possible identity:



Note composition in the hom-category  $\hom_M(*, *)$

is "vertical composition"

$$\alpha\beta =$$



$$\alpha: [4] \rightarrow [4]$$

$$\beta: [6] \rightarrow [4]$$

$$\alpha\beta: [6] \rightarrow [4]$$

Theorem - If  $C$  is any 2-category, there's a 1-1 correspondence between monads in  $C$  and 2-functors  $F: M \rightarrow C$ .

Proof - Suppose we have a 2-functor  $F: M \rightarrow C$ ; let's get a monad in  $C$ . A monad consists of  $x \in C$ ,  $T: x \rightarrow x$ ,  $u: T \circ T \rightarrow T$ ,  $i: 1_x \rightarrow T$  obeying assoc and

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left/right unit laws.

Let  $x = F(\#)$

$$T = F([1])$$

$$u = F \left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline Y \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$$i = F \left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$u$  and  $i$  obey the assoc and left/right unit laws because in  $M$  we have:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{Y} & \text{Y} \\ \hline \text{Y} & \text{Y} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{YY} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

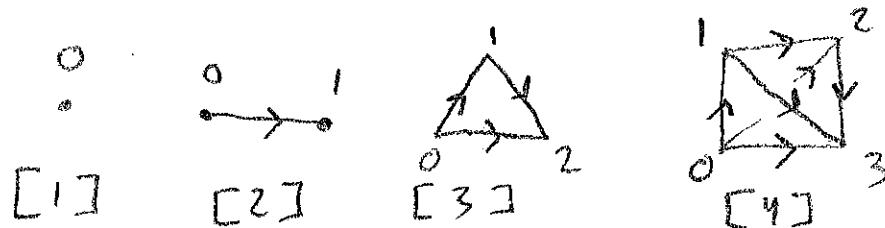
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The reverse is similar.  $\blacksquare$

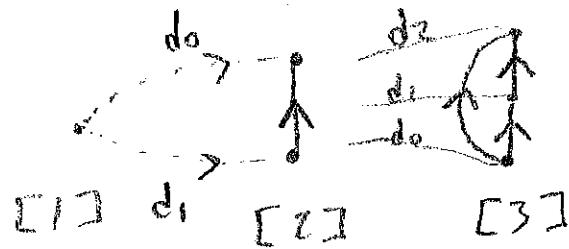
The simplex category

Remember, the simplex category  $\Delta$  has nonempty finite ordinals as objects and order-preserving functions as morphisms.

Its objects can be drawn as simplexes:



Its morphisms are certain maps between simplexes:



The map  $d_i : [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$  is the unique order-preserving injection with  $i$  not in its range ( $0 \leq i < n$ ).

There are also other maps.

A simplicial set is a functor  $F : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ .

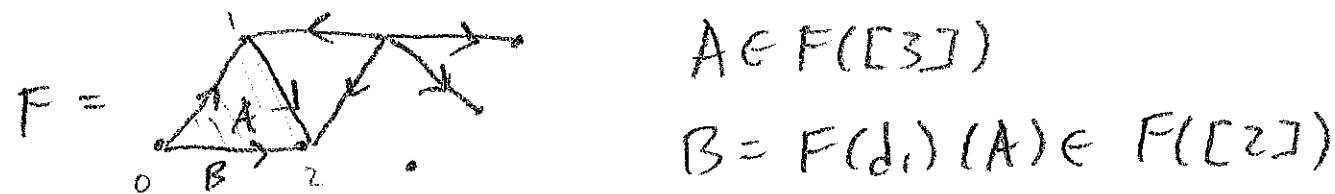
For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F([n])$  is the "set of  $n$ -simplexes".

Each order-preserving map  $g : [n] \rightarrow [m]$  gives a function  $F(g) : F([m]) \rightarrow F([n])$

For example,  $d_i : [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$  will give a function

$F(d_i) : F([n+1]) \rightarrow F([n])$  picking out the  $i^{\text{th}}$  face of each simplex in  $F([n+1])$ .

So, a simplicial set could look like this:



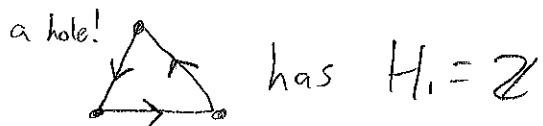
## Homology

The plan now:

Simplicial sets  $\rightarrow$  simplicial abelian groups  $\xrightarrow{\sim}$  chain complexes of abelian groups

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{n}^{\text{th}} \\ \text{homology} \\ \text{group} \\ \downarrow \\ H_n \\ \text{abelian groups} \end{array}$$

If a simplicial set has "holes of dimension n", they will be detected by  $H_n$ : this group won't be trivial.



Recall: a simplicial set is a functor  $X: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ .

A map of simplicial sets should thus be a natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{X} & \text{Set} \\ & \alpha \Downarrow & \\ & Y & \end{array}$$

$X([n])$  is the set of  $n$ -simplices for  $X$ ,  
and we get maps  $\alpha_{[n]}: X([n]) \rightarrow Y([n])$   
which are natural.

More generally:

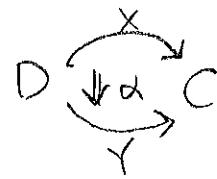
Def - If  $C$  is any category, a simplicial object in  $C$  is a functor  $X: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow C$ , and a map between these is a natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{X} & C \\ & \alpha \Downarrow & \\ & Y & \end{array}$$

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If  $C$  and  $D$  are categories, we write  $C^D = \text{hom}_{\text{Cat}}(D, C)$   
 for the category with objects  $D \rightarrow C$  as objects

- natural transformations  
as morphisms



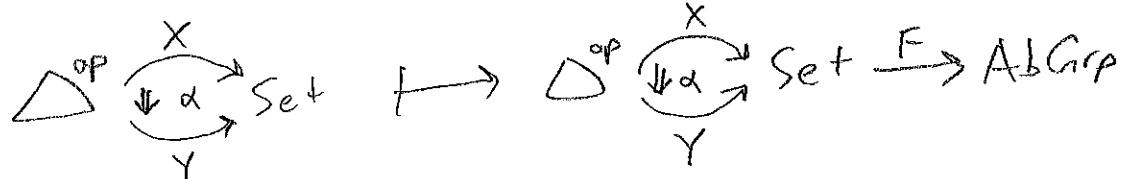
So,  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  is the category of simplicial objects in  $C$ .

Given a simplicial set  $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{X} \text{Set}$ , we can turn it into an abelian group by composing with  $F: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}$ , the left adjoint of  $U: \text{AbGrp} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ .  $F(X([n]))$  is the abelian group of formal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combinations of elements of  $X([n])$ .

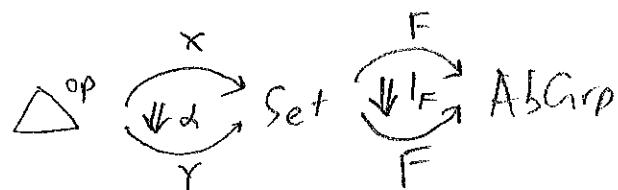
In fact, we get a functor  $\text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$

on objects:  $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{X} \text{Set} \mapsto \Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{X} \text{Set} \xrightarrow{F} \text{AbGrp}$

on morphisms:



This is called "right whiskering" and is defined to be:



Next, given a simplicial abelian group  $X$ , we'll form a chain complex:

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Def - A chain complex of abelian groups,  $C$ , is a family<sup>9</sup> of abelian groups and group homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_2 \\ \text{2-chains} & \downarrow & \text{---} \\ & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_1 \\ & \downarrow & \text{---} \\ \text{1-chains} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_0 \\ & \downarrow & \text{---} \\ \text{0-chains} & & \end{array} \quad \text{such that } \partial \circ \partial = 0$$

A map of chain complexes  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \xrightarrow{f_2} & \downarrow \\ C_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & D_2 \\ \downarrow \partial_C & \xrightarrow{f_1} & \downarrow \partial_D \\ C_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & D_1 \\ \downarrow \partial_C & \xrightarrow{f_0} & \downarrow \partial_D \\ C_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & D_0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{such that the squares commute:} \\ \partial_D f_i = f_{i-1} \partial_C \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{array}$$

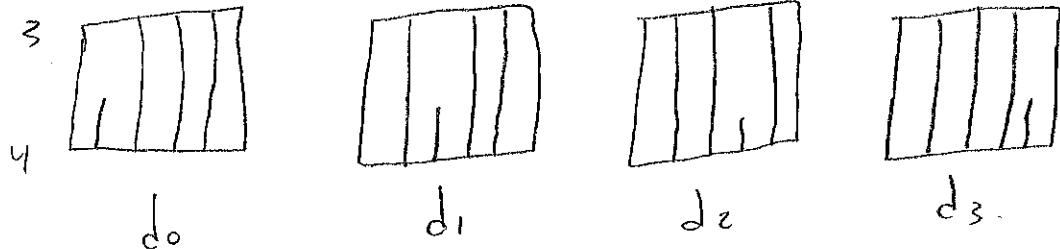
We get a category of chain complexes  $\text{Ch} = \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp})$ .

Thrm - Given  $X \in \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  we can form a chain complex  $C(X)$  as follows.

$$C(X)_n = X([n])$$

and  $\partial$  is defined as follows.

Recall we have morphisms  $d_i: [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$   $0 \leq i \leq n$



(all the 1-order preserving maps  $[n] \rightarrow [n+1]$ )

So, in  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  we have  $d_i: [n+1] \rightarrow [n]$ , so we have homomorphisms

$$\partial_i = X(d_i): C(X)_{n+1} \rightarrow C(X)_n$$

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and we define  $\partial : C(X)_{n+1} \rightarrow C(X)_n$  by  $\partial = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \partial_i$

Proof - The thing to prove is  $\partial \circ \partial = 0$ .

$\partial \circ \partial = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^{i+j} \partial_i \circ \partial_j$  which is 0 because terms cancel in pairs using some relations that  $\partial_i$  obey.

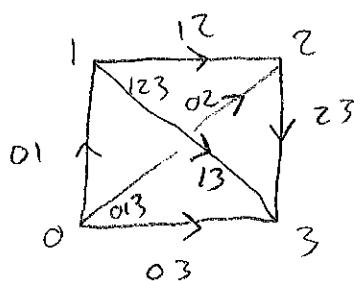
$$\begin{array}{c} d_0 \\ d_1 \\ d_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} d_1 \\ d_0 \end{array}$$

so  $d_2 d_0 = d_0 d_1$  in  $\mathbb{O}$ ,

so  $\partial_0 \partial_2 = \partial_1 \partial_0$



Example: The simplicial set called "the walking 3-simplex", which looks like:



This simplicial set contains a 3-simplex  $0123$  and so its chain complex has a 3-chain  $0123$ .

$$\partial(0123) = \sum_{i=0}^3 (-1)^i \partial_i(0123) = 123 - 023 + 013 - 012$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^2(0123) &= 23 - 13 + 12 - (23 - 03 + 02) + (13 - 03 + 01) \\ &\quad - (12 - 02 + 01) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

(Chain complexes from simplicial abelian groups)

Thrm - There's a functor  $C: \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \rightarrow \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp})$   
given as follows:

- on objects: given  $X: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}$ , define

$C(X) \in \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp})$  by:

$(C(X))_n = X([n])$  (the group of  $n$ -simplices)  
 $\begin{matrix} C \\ \text{"n-chains"} \end{matrix}$

Where  $\partial: C(X)_{n+1} \rightarrow C(X)_n$  is given by

$$\partial = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \partial_i \quad \text{where } \partial_i = X(d_i)$$

where  $d_i: [n+1] \rightarrow [n]$  in  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  corresponds to

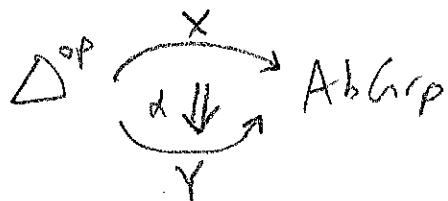
$$d_i: [n] \rightarrow [n+1] \text{ in } \Delta$$

with  $\partial^2 = 0$

$$d_i = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{in } \Delta$$

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- on morphisms, given



We define  $C(d): C(X) \rightarrow C(Y)$ , i.e.  $C(d)_n: C(X)_n \xrightarrow{\cong} C(Y)_n$   
 $X([n]) \rightarrow Y([n])$

to be  $d_{[n]}: X([n]) \rightarrow Y([n])$

Moreover  $C$  is an equivalence, ie there's a functor  
 $D: Ch(\text{AbGrp}) \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  such that

$$D \circ C \xrightarrow{\sim} |_{\text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}}$$

$$C \circ D \xrightarrow{\sim} |_{Ch(\text{AbGrp})}$$

(where these are natural isomorphisms between functors)

Proof sketch:  $C$  is clearly a functor:

$$C(\beta \circ d) = C(\beta) \circ C(d)$$

because  $C(\beta \circ d)_n = (\beta \circ d)_{[n]} = \beta_{[n]} \circ d_{[n]}$



by def of  $\circ$  for natural transformations  
 $= C(\beta)_n \circ C(d)_n$

To get  $D: Ch(\text{AbGrp}) \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$ , we need to see how given  $A \in Ch(\text{AbGrp})$  we get a simplicial abelian group  $D(A)$ .

$\downarrow$   
 $A_2$   
 $\downarrow d$   
 $A_1$   
 $\downarrow d$   
 $A_0$

abelian group of 0-simplices  $= A_0 \quad a \quad a \in A_0$

abelian group of 1-simplices  $= A_0 \oplus A_1 \quad a \xrightarrow{b} a' \quad a, a' \in A_0$   
 $b \in A_1$

such that  $d(b) = a' - a$   
ie  $a + d(b) = a'$

abelian group =  $A_0 \oplus A_1^2 \oplus A_2$   
 of 2-simplices

$$\begin{array}{c} a+2b \\ b \\ c \\ a \\ b+b'+\partial(c) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a \in A_0 \\ b, b' \in A_1 \\ c \in A_2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Check: } a + \partial(b+b'+\partial c) = a + \partial b + \partial b'$$

Yes, since  $\partial^2 = 0$

and so on...

Check that  $C(D(A)) \cong A$  via a natural iso

Also check  $D \circ C \cong \text{AbGp}^{\text{op}}$

Given a chain complex  $C$ , note that since  $\partial^2 = 0$

$\text{im}(\partial : C_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n)$  "boundaries"

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$\ker(\partial : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1})$  "cycles"

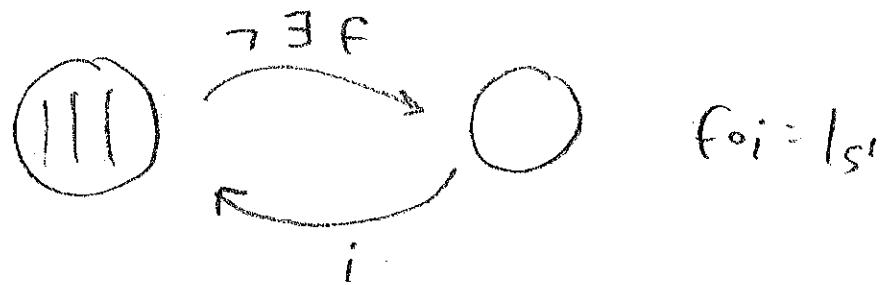
So we can form homology groups, abelian groups

$$H_n(C) = \frac{\ker(\partial : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1})}{\text{im}(\partial : C_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n)}$$

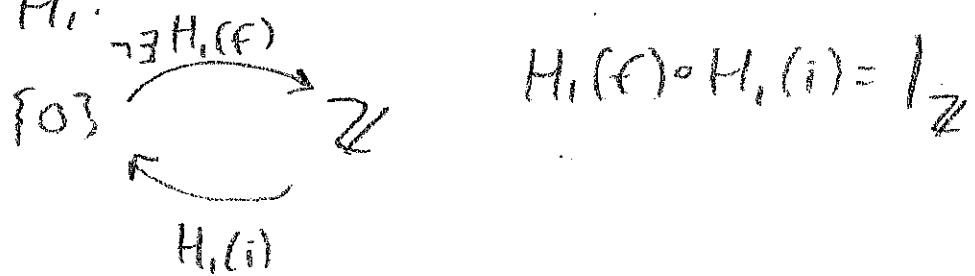
We can write  $H(C)$  for  $\{H_n(C)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , so

$H(C)$  is an  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded abelian group, or  
 $H(C) \in \text{AbGrp}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

Theorem -  $H: \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp}) \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}^{\mathbb{N}}$  extends to a functor.



On  $H_i$ :



$$H_i(f) \circ H_i(i) = I_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

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## The Bar Construction

We're almost ready for something cool.

We've seen how to get the homology of a simplicial abelian group:

$$\text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow[\mathcal{C}]{} \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp}) \xrightarrow[H_1]{} \text{AbGrp}^{(N)}$$

We can get simplicial abelian groups from many sources:

$$\text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow[F_{\bullet-}]{} \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \quad \text{where } F: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}$$

$$\text{Ring}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow[U_{\bullet-}]{} \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \quad \text{where } U: \text{Ring} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}$$

$$\text{RMod}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow[U_{\bullet-}]{} \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \quad \text{where RMod is the category of modules over a ring } R \text{ and } U: \text{RMod} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp picks out the underlying abelian group}$$

On the other hand, if we have adjoint functors  $\mathcal{C} \begin{smallmatrix} \xleftarrow{U} \\ \xrightarrow{F} \end{smallmatrix} \mathcal{D}$

we get a monad  $T$  on  $\mathcal{C}$

$T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ ,  $U: T \circ T \Rightarrow T$ ,  $i: I_{\mathcal{C}} \Rightarrow T$  obeying assoc, l/r unit laws. Thus we get a 2-functor from the walking monad  $M$  to  $\text{Cat}$ :

$\mathbb{E} : \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$

$*$   $\mapsto C$

$\Delta_a = \text{hom}_{\mathbf{M}}(*, *) \rightarrow \text{hom}_{\mathbf{Cat}}(C, C) = C^C$ , so we get

$\mathbb{E} : \Delta_a \rightarrow C^C$  which we can restrict to the subcategory

$\Delta$  of  $\Delta_a$   $\mathbb{E} : \Delta \rightarrow C^C$

Also,  $\mathbb{E} \in (C^C)^D$  is a cosimplicial object in  $C^C$

since we've got  $\Delta$  instead of  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$ . Let's fix this!

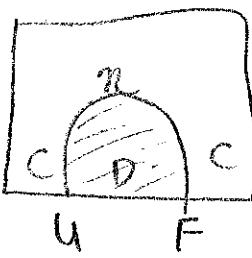
We can get a simplicial object in  $D^D$ .

Given any adjunction

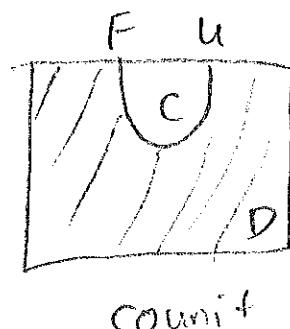
$$C \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} D \quad \text{in any 2-category}$$

X, we set  $I_D : D \rightarrow D$ ,  $F \circ U : D \rightarrow D$ ,  $F \circ U \circ F \circ U : D \rightarrow D$

and 2-morphism between these, built from

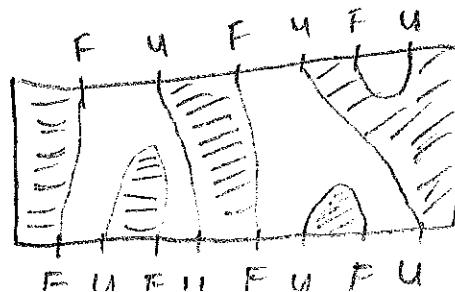


$$n : I_C \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} UF$$



$$\epsilon : FU \rightarrow I_D$$

For example:



White stripes can split or end, like amoebas  
(just like dark stripes can only join or start)

So, we're setting a "comonad" on  $D$ , and we're getting a functor from  $\Delta_a^{\text{op}}$  to  $\text{hom}_x(D, D)$ .

Def - A comonad on an object  $D$  in a 2-category consists of:

- a morphism  $K: D \rightarrow D$
- 2-morphisms called comultiplication

$$\delta: K \Rightarrow K \circ K$$

"duplication"



and the counit  $\epsilon: K \Rightarrow I_D$



obeying coassociativity

$$\begin{array}{c} \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array}$$

and left/right counit laws

$$\begin{array}{c} \square \\ | \quad | \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ | \quad | \\ | \quad | \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ | \end{array}$$

Thrm - An adjunction  $C \xrightarrow{F} D$  in a 2-category  $X$  gives a monad on  $C$  and a comonad on  $D$ .

Proof - We've done the monad; the comonad is:

$$K = F \circ U \quad \delta = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \square \quad \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \square \quad \square \end{array} \quad \epsilon = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \square \quad \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \square \end{array}$$

Check coassoc.  
and l/r counit  
laws using string  
diagrams.  $\square$

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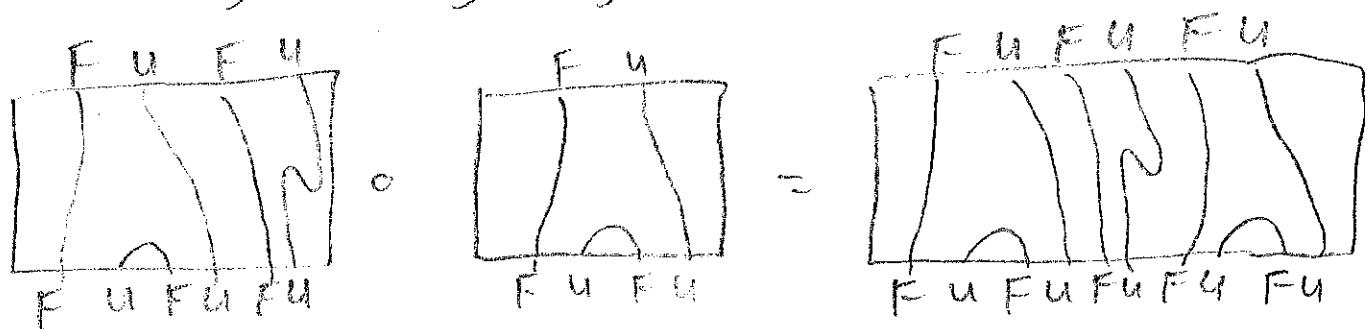
Def-The walking comad  $W$  is the 2-category with <sup>10</sup>

- One object \*
- $\text{hom}_W(*, *) = \Delta_a^{\text{op}}$

with horizontal composition

$$\circ: \text{hom}_W(*, *) \times \text{hom}_W(*, *) \rightarrow \text{hom}_W(*, *)$$

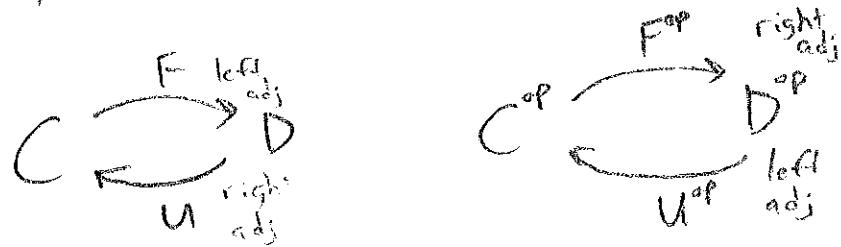
Given using string diagrams as follows:



Then-Given any comad in a 2-cat  $X$ , there's a unique 2-functor  $\Phi: W \rightarrow X$  picking out this comad.

Using these ideas we get the bar construction!

Then-Suppose we have adjoint functors  $\begin{array}{c} F \\ \curvearrowright \\ C \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowleft \\ D \end{array}$   
and suppose  $d \in D$ . Then we get a simplicial object in  $D$ , the bar construction applied to  $d$ ,  $\bar{d} \in D^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$



If  $G$  acts on  $A \in \text{Alg}_{R\text{-Mod}}$

$A \in R\text{-Mod}$  where  $R = \mathbb{Z}[G]$  is the group ring

## The Bar Construction

Thrm - Given adjoint functors  $C \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \downarrow U \\ D \end{array}$  and an object  $d \in D$ , there's a simplicial object in  $D$ ,  $J \in D^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$ , given by the bar construction

$$\Delta^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \Delta_a^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Phi} D^D \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_d} D$$

$J$

Proof -  $\Delta$ , the category of non-empty finite ordinals, is contained in  $\Delta_a$ , the category of all finite ordinals (and order preserving maps), so we get an inclusion  $\Delta^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \Delta_a^{\text{op}}$ .

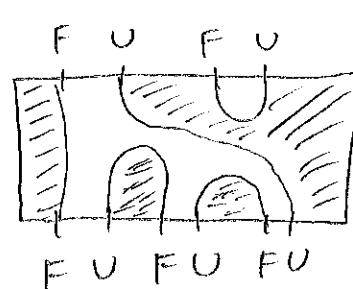
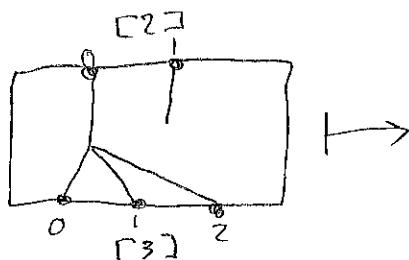
Recall that an adjunction in  $\text{Cat}$ :  $C \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \downarrow U \\ D \end{array}$  uniquely determines a 2-functor from the walking comonad  $K$  to  $\text{Cat}$  as follows:

$$\Phi: K \rightarrow \text{Cat}$$

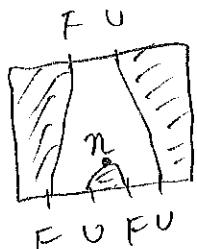
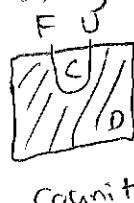
$$* \mapsto D$$

$$\Delta_a^{\text{op}} = \text{hom}_K(*, *) \mapsto \text{hom}_{\text{Cat}}(D, D) = D^D$$

$f: [3] \rightarrow [2]$   
is order preserving



built using



comultiplication

Finally there's an evaluation functor  $\text{ev}_d: D^D \rightarrow D$

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$$F \mapsto F(d)$$

$$\alpha: F \Rightarrow G \mapsto \alpha_d: F(d) \rightarrow G(d) \quad \square$$

What does  $J: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow D$  really do? What does it do to objects?

$$\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{J} D$$

$$[1] \longrightarrow F(U)$$

$$[2] \longrightarrow FUFU$$

$$[3] \longrightarrow FUFUFU$$

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More importantly, what does  $J$  do to morphisms?

$\Delta$  has morphisms including these:

$$d_0 = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & c_1 \\ \hline c_2 & \end{array} \qquad d_1 = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline c_1 \\ \hline & c_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

and in general,  $d_0, \dots, d_n: [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$

$\Delta^{\text{op}}$  thus has morphisms

$$d_0 = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & c_2 \\ \hline c_1 & \end{array} \qquad d_1 = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & c_2 \\ \hline c_1 & \end{array}$$

$J$  maps these to natural transformations:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline F & U \\ \hline U & \epsilon \\ \hline F & U \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\epsilon \circ l_{FU}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline F & U \\ \hline U & \epsilon \\ \hline F & U \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$l_{FU} \circ \epsilon$$

Evaluating these on  $\text{d} \in D$  we get morphisms in  $D$ :

$$\text{FUFU}(\text{d}) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\text{FUFU}(\text{d})}} \text{FU}(\text{d}) \quad \text{FUFU}(\text{d}) \xrightarrow{\text{FU}(\epsilon_{\text{d}})} \text{FU}(\text{d})$$

Example: the bar construction for  $G$ -sets

Let  $G$  be a group. A  $G$ -set is a set  $X$  with a map called an action:

$$A: G \times X \rightarrow X \\ (g, x) \mapsto A(g, x) = gx$$

$$\text{obeying } g_1(g_2x) = (g_1g_2)x$$

$$1_x = x$$

There's a category of  $G$ -sets,  $\text{Set}^{G_r}$ .

There are adjoint functors

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & F & \\ \text{Set} & \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \text{Set}^{G_r} \\ & U & \end{array}$$

where  $F(X) = G_r \times X$  which is a  $G$ -set wr  $g_1(g_2x) = (g_1g_2)x$

Given a  $G$ -set  $X$ , the bar construction gives a simplicial  $G$ -set  $\bar{X}$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{FUFUFU}(X) & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\text{FUFU}(X)}} & \text{FUFU}(X) & \xrightarrow{\text{FU}(\epsilon_X)} & \text{FU}(X) \\ \parallel & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\text{FUFU}(X)}} & \parallel & \xrightarrow{\text{FU}(\epsilon_X)} & \parallel \\ G_r \times G_r \times G_r \times X & & G_r \times G_r \times X & & G_r \times X \\ \text{Gr-set of} & & \text{Gr-set of} & & \text{Gr-set of} \\ 2\text{-simplices} & & 1\text{-simplices} & & 0\text{-simplices} \end{array}$$



Where if  $S$  is any  $G$ -set, the counit

$$\epsilon_S : F(U(S)) \longrightarrow S$$

$$G \times S$$

is the action of  $G$  on  $S$ !

So, given a 1-simplex in  $\tilde{X}$ , what are its two vertices?

$$\xrightarrow{(g_1, g_2, x)}$$

Answer

$$\xrightarrow{(g_1, g_2, x) \quad (g_1, g_2, x) \quad (g_1, g_2, x)}$$

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In the  $G$ -set  $X$ , we have an equation

$$g_1(g_2x) = (g_1g_2)(x)$$

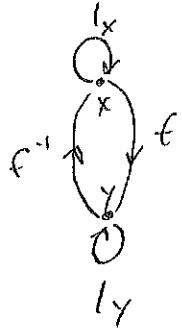
In  $\tilde{X}$ , this equation is replaced by the above 1-simplex!

The bar construction shatters an algebraic structure and then reassembles it, replacing equations by edges!

# Lecture 12 (0-26-2018)

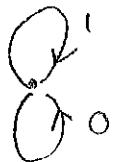
## The Bar Construction for $G_r$ -sets

Def - A groupoid is a category where every morphism has an inverse.



Def - A monoid is a category with one object. (If  $*$  is the one object,  $\text{hom}(*, *)$  has an associative operation w/ unit  $1_*$ , so it's a monoid in the old-fashioned sense.)

Def - A group is a groupoid that's a monoid.



with  $\circ$  as composition, this is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

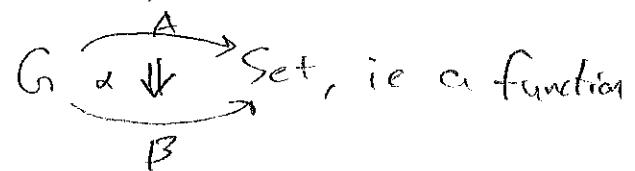
Def - Given a group  $G_r$ , the category of  $G_r$ -sets is  $\text{Set}^{G_r}$ :

- objects are functors  $G_r \xrightarrow{A} \text{Set}$ , ie a set  $A(*)$  with  $*$  being the one object of  $G_r$ , and
- a function  $A(g): A(*) \rightarrow A(*)$  for each morphism in  $G_r$  (ie group element) such that  $A(gh) = A(g) \circ A(h)$

• morphisms are natural transformations

$\alpha_*: A(*) \rightarrow B(*)$  obeying naturality.

$$A(1_*) = 1_{A(*)}$$



$G_r \xrightarrow{A} \text{Set}$ , ie a function

$$A(*) \xrightarrow{A(g)} A(*)$$

$$\alpha_* \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \alpha_* \\ B(*) \xrightarrow{B(g)} B(*)$$

commutes for all group elements  $g$ .

Thm - There are adjoint functors

$$\text{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \Downarrow U \\ \xleftarrow{G} \end{array} \text{Set}^G$$

Where  $U$  maps any  $G$ -set to its underlying  $G$ -set  $A(*)$  and

any map of  $G$ -sets  $\begin{array}{c} G \xrightarrow{A} \text{Set} \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ \xrightarrow{B} \end{array}$  to its underlying function

$\alpha: A(x) \rightarrow B(x)$ , and  $F$  maps any set  $X$  to the  $G$ -set whose underlying  $G$ -set is  $A(*) = G \times X$  and where group elements act as follows:

$$A(g): G \times X \rightarrow G \times X$$

$$(h, x) \mapsto (gh, x)$$

and given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $F(f): F(X) \rightarrow F(Y)$  is

$$G \times X \rightarrow G \times Y$$

$$(g, x) \mapsto (g, f(x))$$

Proof sketch: To show  $F$  is the left adjoint of  $U$ , we need a natural isomorphism  $\hom_{G\text{-set}}(F(X), A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \hom_{\text{Set}}(X, U(A))$

$$\text{This is: } \hom_{G\text{-set}}(G \times X, Y) \xrightarrow[\text{really } A(*)]{\sim} \hom_{\text{Set}}(X, Y) \text{ as a set}$$

shorthand for  $F(X)$   
 $x \in \text{Set}$   
 $A \in \text{Set}^G$

So given a map of  $G$ -sets  $f: G \times X \rightarrow Y$ , we'll choose this map of sets

$$\alpha(f): X \rightarrow Y$$

$$x \mapsto f(1, x)$$

Conversely, given a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,

we have a map of  $G$ -sets

$$\alpha^{-1}(f): G \times X \rightarrow Y$$

$$(g, x) \mapsto gf(x)$$

This really is a map of  $G$ -sets:

$$\alpha^{-1}(f)(h(g, x)) = \alpha^{-1}(hg, x) = (hg)f(x)$$

$$h\alpha^{-1}(f)(g, x) = h(g(f(x))). \quad \square$$

HW: Figure out the unit and counit of this adjunction (due Wed)

$$\text{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} \text{Set}^G$$

$$\text{C} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} \text{D} \quad \text{we get}$$

The idea: given any adjoint functors

$$\hom_D(F(c), F(d)) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \hom_c(c, UF(d))$$

unit:  $\eta_c: F(c) \xrightarrow{\quad} \eta_c \quad \begin{matrix} c \in C \\ d \in D \end{matrix}$

$$\hom_D(FU(d), d) \xleftarrow{\alpha^{-1}} \hom_c(U(d), U(d))$$

$$\varepsilon_d: \eta_{U(d)} \xleftarrow{\quad} \varepsilon_d$$

\*counit given away last time when doing bar construction at high speed

Everything so far also works for monoids: we get  $U: \text{Set}^M \rightarrow \text{Set}$  from any monoid  $M$ :

$$U(A) = A(*) \text{ where } * \in M \text{ is the object.}$$

Given a group  $G$ , classifying space of  $G$  has  $G$  as its fundamental group, and groups are trivial [higher homotopy]

## The Bar Construction for Groups

Given a group  $G$  we have an adjunction

$$\text{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\[-1ex] \Downarrow \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} \text{Set}^G$$

and given any  $G$ -set  $X$ , the counit

$$\epsilon_x : F(U(X)) \rightarrow X \quad \text{is} \quad \epsilon_x : G \times X \rightarrow X$$

$$(g, x) \mapsto gx$$

The bar construction gives a simplicial  $G$ -set  $\bar{X}$ :

$$FU(FU(FU(X))) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{FU(FU(X))}} FU(FU(X)) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{FU(X)}} FU(X)$$

2-simplices	$\bar{X}([2])$	$ -simplices$
		$\bar{X}([1])$
		0-simplices

where the maps are built using the counit. More concretely:

$$\bar{X}([n]) = (FU)^n(X) = G^n \times X \quad \text{and we get}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \xrightarrow{\quad} & \xrightarrow{\bar{X}(d_0)} & & \xrightarrow{\bar{X}(d_1)} & \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} & G \times G \times G \times X & \xrightarrow{\bar{X}(d_1)} & G \times G \times X & \xrightarrow{\bar{X}(d_1)} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} & \xrightarrow{\bar{X}(d_2)} & & \xrightarrow{\bar{X}(d_2)} & \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} & & & & \end{array}$$

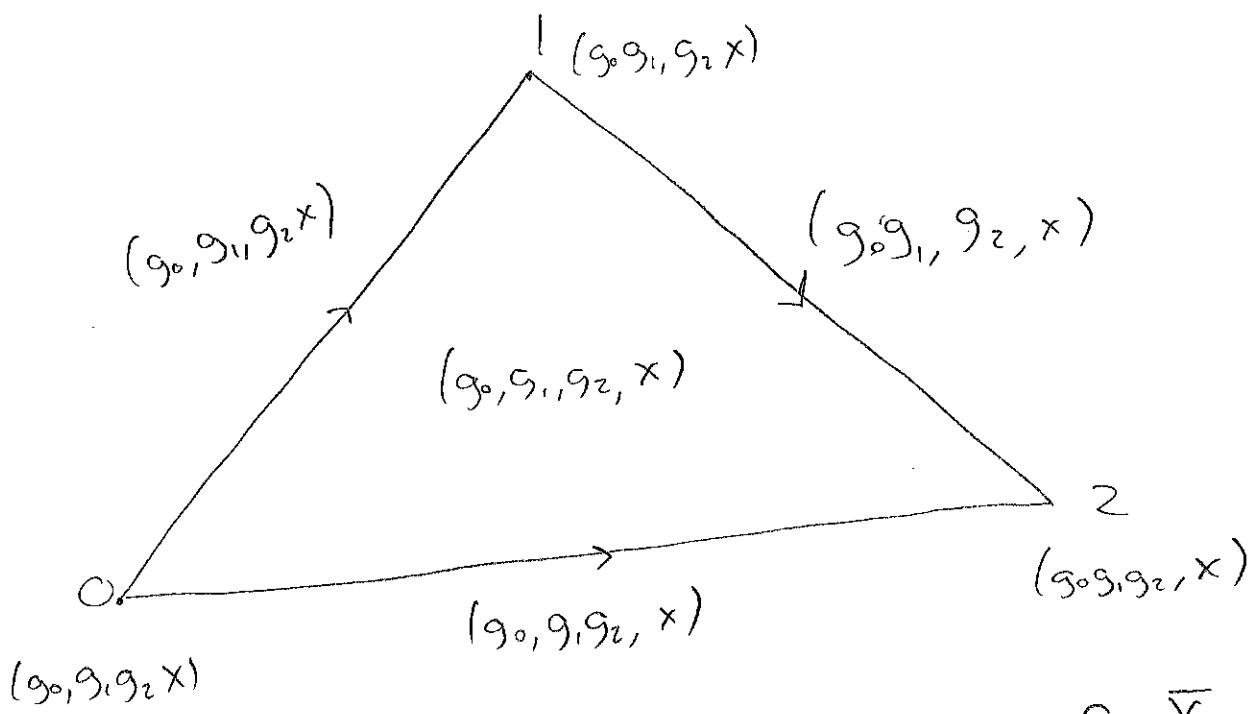
where  $\bar{X}(d_i) : X([n+1]) \rightarrow X([n])$  is the map from  $G^{n+1} \times X$

to  $G^n \times X$  given by

$$\bar{X}(d_i)(g_0, \dots, g_n)(x) = \begin{cases} (g_0, g_1, \dots, g_i g_{i+1}, \dots, x) & 0 \leq i < n \\ (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}, g_n x) & i = n \end{cases}$$

For example:

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Each element of  $X$  gives many vertices of  $\bar{X}$ , connected by edges. All vertices above correspond to same element of  $X$ :

$$g_0(g_1 g_2 x) = g_0 g_1(g_2 x) = (g_0 g_1 g_2)(x)$$

Equations in  $X$  have become edges in  $\bar{X}$ , "equations between equations" become triangles, etc.

Our simplicial  $G$ -set  $\bar{X}$  has an underlying simplicial set:

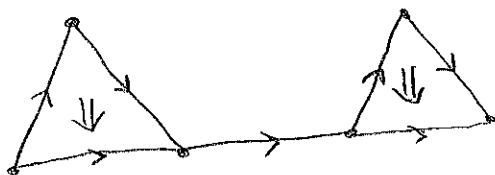
$$\bar{X}: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}^G \text{ composed w/ } U: \text{Set}^G \rightarrow \text{Set} \text{ gives } U \circ \bar{X}: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}.$$

Then: we can turn any simplicial set into a topological space.

Thrm - There's a functor called geometric realization

$$|-| : \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \rightarrow \text{Top}$$

Proof sketch: It's visually evident:



is a topological space. To prove it:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta & \hookrightarrow & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Top} & \xleftarrow{i\cdot i} & \end{array}$$

We can turn any simplex into a space; this functor extends to geometric realization using the Yoneda embedding

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta & \hookrightarrow & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\ [n] & \mapsto & \text{Hom}(-, [n]) \end{array}$$

Sending any simplex to the simplicial set that looks like that simplex.  $\square$

Thrm - If  $X$  is a  $G$ -set, the space  $|U(X)|$  has one connected component for each element of  $X$ . Each connected component is contractible.

So we've "puffed up"  $X$ , replacing each element by a contractible connected component; this is called "cofibrant replacement".

Proof of Part 1: It's sufficient to show that if two vertices of  $|U^0\bar{X}|$ , ie elements of  $G \times X$ , map to the same element of  $X$  by:

$$E_X : G \times X \rightarrow X$$

then they're connected by an edge.

Suppose  $(g, x)$  and  $(h, y)$  have  $gx = hy$ .

Want an edge in  $\bar{X}$  connecting them:

$$\begin{matrix} (g, x) & (g_0, g_1, z) & (h, y) \\ \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & & \end{matrix}$$

So we want  $(g_0, g_1, z) \in G \times G \times X$  such that

$$(g_0 g_1, z) = (h, y)$$

$$(g_0, g_1, z) = (g, x)$$

so need:

$$g_0 g_1 = h$$

$$z = y \checkmark$$

$$g_0 = g \checkmark$$

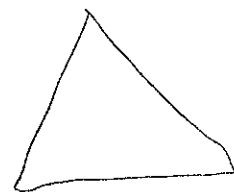
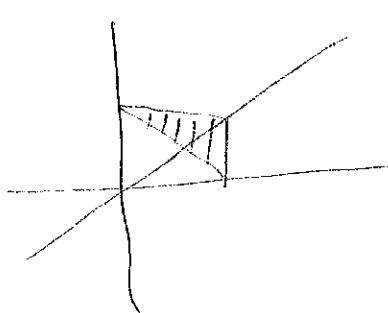
$$g_1 z = x$$

So  $g_0 = g$ ,  $z = y$ , but what's  $g_1$ ?  $g_1 = g_0^{-1}h$  by first eqn, and last eqn says  $g_0^{-1}hy = x \iff hy = g_0 x = g x$ , which is true.

Conversely, any two guys connected by edge map to same element of  $X$ :

$$(g_0, g_1, x) \quad (g_0, g_1, x) \quad (g_0 g_1, x)$$


and both vertices map to  $g_0 g_1 x \in X$ .



$$G^n \times X$$

## Group Cohomology

Recall: if  $X$  is a  $G$ -set,  $\bar{X}$  is a simplicial  $G$ -set:

$$G \times G \times G \times X \xrightarrow{\bar{x}(d_0)} G \times G \times X \xrightarrow{\bar{x}(d_1)} G \times X$$

where  $\bar{x}(d_i) : G^{n+1} \times X \rightarrow G^n \times X$  is

$$\bar{x}(d_i)(g_0, \dots, g_n, x) = \begin{cases} (g_0, \dots, g_i g_{i+1}, \dots, g_n, x) & 0 \leq i < n \\ (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}, g_n x) & i = n \end{cases}$$

Note all the sets  $G^n \times X$  are  $G$ -sets:

$$g(g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}, x) = (g g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}, x)$$

and maps  $\bar{x}(d_i)$  are maps of  $G$ -sets.

If  $X = \{*\}$ , i.e.  $X = 1$ , we call  $\bar{X}$  "EG"

$\mathbb{E}G$  looks like:

$$G \times G \times G \xrightarrow{\cong} G \times G \xrightarrow{\cong} G$$

w/  $\bar{x}(d_i)(g_0, \dots, g_n) = \begin{cases} (g_0, \dots, g_i g_{i+1}, \dots, g_n) & 0 \leq i < n \\ (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}) & i = n \end{cases}$

Def - The geometric realization  $|\mathbb{E}G|$  is called  $\mathbb{E}G_{\text{Top}}$ ,  
the universal contractible  $G$ -space.

Note:  $| \cdot |: \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \rightarrow \text{Top}$

but the bar construction gives a simplicial  $G$ -set  $\bar{X}$  from any  $G$ -set, so its geometric realization is a  $G$ -space: a topological space on which  $G$  acts as continuous maps. In fact, we have:

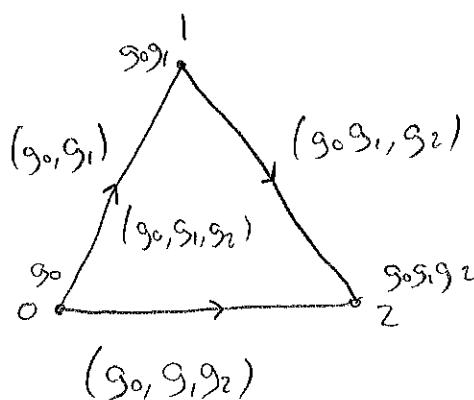
$$| \cdot |: (\text{Set}^G)^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Top}^G$$

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 Simplicial                   $G$ -spaces  
 $G$ -sets

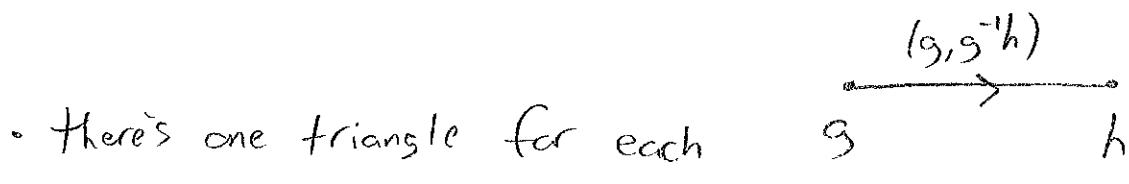
In particular,  $E\Gamma$  is a  $G$ -space. Also I claimed last time that if you take  $| \cdot |$  of  $\bar{X}$  you get a space w/ one (contractible) component for each element of  $X$ . Since  $E\Gamma$  comes from  $X=1$ , it will be contractible. In short,  $E\Gamma$  is a contractible  $G$ -space. It's universal in that if  $Z$  is any contractible  $G$ -space (e.g. a point)

$\exists! f: E\Gamma \rightarrow Z$  that's a map of  $G$ -spaces.

A typical 2-simplex in  $E\Gamma$ :



- Note:
- there's one vertex for each group element
  - there's one edge from any vertex to any other:



above triangle "says" that  $(g_0 s_1) g_2 = g_0 (s_1 g_2)$

one 3-simplex for each 4-tuple of elements, etc.

We can turn  $\mathbb{E}G$  into a simplicial abelian group using the free functor from Set to AbGrp, which we'll call

$$\mathbb{Z}[-]: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{AbGrp}$$

$$X \mapsto \mathbb{Z}[X] \text{ (not polynomials!)}$$

$\mathbb{Z}[X]$  consists of all  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combinations of elements of  $X$ .

$\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{E}G]$  looks like

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{Z}[G \times G \times G] \xrightarrow{\partial_0} \mathbb{Z}[G \times G] \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \mathbb{Z}[G]$$

with maps as before on generators.

We can then turn  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$  into a chain complex of abelian groups:

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G^3] \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}[G^2] \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}[G]$$

where  $\partial_i(g_0, \dots, g_n) = \begin{cases} (g_0, \dots, g_i g_{i+1}, \dots, g_n) & 0 \leq i < n \\ (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}) & i = n \end{cases}$   
 $\nwarrow$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{generated}$

for  $\mathbb{Z}[G^{n+1}]$

and

$$\partial : \mathbb{Z}[EG^{n+1}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G^n]$$

$$\text{is } \partial = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \partial_i$$

$\mathbb{Z}G$  is a simplicial  $G$ -set, so  $\mathbb{Z}[EG]$  is a simplicial abelian  $G$ -module, ie a simplicial abelian group with an action of  $G$ , and our chain complex is a chain complex of  $G$ -modules and  $G$ -maps. Given  $g \in G$  it acts on  $\mathbb{Z}[G^n]$  as follows:

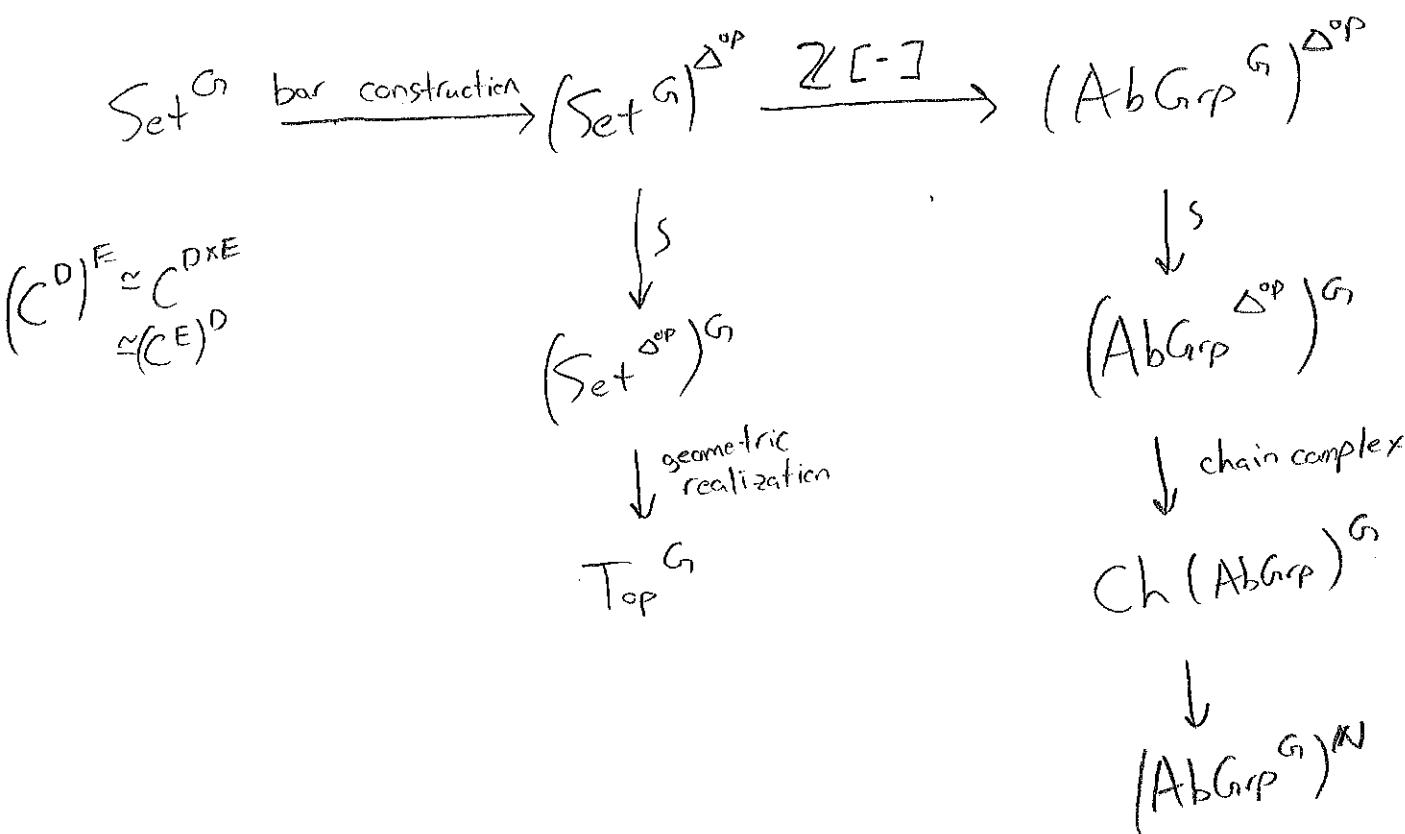
$$g(g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}) = (gg_0, \dots, gg_{n-1})$$

$$\text{and } \partial g(c) = g\partial(c) \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}[G^n].$$

Group Cohomology  
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This is a standard pattern which people use for

$\text{Set}^G$  - group cohomology

$R\text{-Mod}$  - cohomology of rings

etc.

Apply this machine to  $*$ , the 1-element set as a  $G$ -set w/ trivial action:

$$* \xrightarrow{\text{EG}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\text{TS}} \mathbb{Z}[G^2] \xrightarrow{\text{TS}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{EG} & \xrightarrow{\text{TS}} & \mathbb{Z}[G^2] \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}[G] \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{FG} & \xrightarrow{\text{TS}} & \mathbb{Z}[G^2] \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}[G]
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Thm} - H_n((G)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0 \\ 0 & n>0 \end{cases}$$

Proof Sketch - This because we started with a point;  $EG$  is contractible so

$$H_n(EG) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0 \\ 0 & n>0 \end{cases}$$

singular homology of  
top space

In general if  $S \in \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  then the homology of its geometric realization  $|S|$  is naturally isomorphic to the homology of  $C(\mathbb{Z}[S])$  - the chain complex of the simplicial abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$ .  $\square$

We have a map of chain complexes

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G^3] \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}[G^2] \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}[G] \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{a.s.t. } a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad \{a_i\}$$

Which induces an isomorphism on homology using the theorem.

Also the  $\mathbb{Z}[G^n]$  are free  $G$ -modules - free abelian groups on which  $G$  acts freely.

We call the top chain complex a free resolution of the bottom one - it's a puffed up version w/ same homology but everything free.

Def - Given any  $G_i$ -module  $A$ , let

$$C^n(G, A) = \hom_{\text{AbGrp}^{G_i}}(C_n(G), A)$$

( $\text{AbGrp}^{G_i}$  is the category of  $G_i$ -modules), let

$$d: C^n(G, A) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(G, A)$$

be

$$df(c) = f(\partial c)$$

where  $c \in C^{n+1}(G)$ ,  $\partial c \in C^n(G)$  and  $f \in C^n(G, A)$ , so  $f(\partial c) \in A$ .

Def - The group homology of a group  $G$  with coefficients in a  $G$ -module  $A$  is:

$$H^n(G, A) = \frac{\ker(d: C^n(G, A) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(G, A))}{\text{im}(d: C^{n-1}(G, A) \rightarrow C^n(G, A))}$$

Note  $\text{im} \subseteq \ker$  since  $d^2 = 0$ :

$$(d^2 f)(c) = (df)(\partial c) = f(\partial^2 c) = 0 \text{ since } \partial^2 = 0.$$

We'll see

$H^2(G, A)$  classifies short exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 0$$

ways of glomming  $A$  and  $G$  together to form a bigger group.

$H^3(G, A)$  classifies ways of glomming  $A$  and  $G$  together  
to form a "2-group":

a 2-group is a category  $C$  w/ a multiplication:

$$m: C \times C \rightarrow C$$

and identity object  $I \in C$  and inverses

$$\text{inv}: C \rightarrow C$$

obeying group laws up to isomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{abelian} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} \pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \\ \pi_3 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} G \\ A \\ \circ \\ \circ \end{array} \end{array}$$

## Extensions of Groups

The Fundamental Thrm of Arithmetic says any (nonzero) natural number is a product of primes, uniquely up to reordering. Something similar is true for finite groups where the "atoms" are the simple groups: groups w/o any nontrivial normal subgroups. For finite abelian groups, the simple ones are  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $p$  prime, but not every finite abelian group is a product of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

For example, the 4 element abelian groups are  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ , which is built from two  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ 's as an "extension": it has  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  as a normal subgroup, the quotient is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Jordan-Hölder Thrm - If  $G$  is any finite group, there is a composition series for  $G$ : subgroups

$$1 = H_0 \subsetneq H_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq H_n = G$$

such that

- 1) each  $H_i$  is normal in  $H_{i+1}$  ( $0 \leq i < n$ )
- 2)  $H_{i+1}/H_i$  is simple

The composition series is not unique but the simple groups  $H_{i+1}/H_i$  ( $0 \leq i < n$ ) are unique up to reordering

Def - We say a group  $E$  is an extension of the group  $G$  by  $N$  if  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $E$  and  $E/N \cong G$ , i.e.

$$1 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

is exact.

So to completely classify finite groups, we "just" need to classify finite simple groups (proof:  $\sim 10,000$  pages) and then understand extensions. We'll just study abelian extensions:

$$1 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

where  $A$  is abelian. These are classified by  $H^2(G, A)$ .

For nonabelian extensions we'd need "nonabelian cohomology" - which uses even more 2-category theory.

Suppose

$$1 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 1$$

$i$  is an abelian extension; we can think of  $A$  as a subset of  $E$  so we write  $i(a)=a$ .

We can choose a function  $j: G \rightarrow E$ :

$$1 \rightarrow A \hookrightarrow E \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 1$$

such that  $p \circ j = 1_G$ . E.g.

0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

$\mathbb{Z}_9$   
 $p \downarrow \uparrow j$

0	1	2
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$\mathbb{Z}_3$

Since elements of  $G$  are just cosets  $Ag$  where  $a \in E$  we can always choose  $j(g)$  to be any element of the coset that is  $g$ , and then  $p(j(g))=g$ . Typically  $j$  is not a homomorphism!

Then each element  $e \in E$  is of the form  $aj(g)$  for some unique  $g \in G$  and  $a \in A$ :  $g$  says which coset  $e$  is in, while  $a$  says where  $e$  is in the coset.

So we get a bijection

$$A \times G \xrightarrow{\sim} E$$

$$(a, g) \mapsto aj(g)$$

How does multiplication in  $E$  work, in terms of these pairs?

$$aj(g) \quad a'j(g')$$

||

$$g, g' \in G$$

$$a, a' \in A$$

$$a j(g) a' j(g')^{-1} j(g) j(g')$$

$\in A$  since  $A$

|| normal

$$a j(g) a' j(g)^{-1} j(g) j(g')^{-1} j(gg')$$

call this

this is in  $A$  too!

$\alpha(g)a'$

call it  $c(g, g')$

Thm -  $\alpha$  is an action of  $G$  on  $A$  making  $A$  into a  $G$ -module. Namely:

$$\alpha(g)(aa') = (\alpha(g)(a))(\alpha(g)(a'))$$

$$\alpha(gg')(a) = \alpha(g)(\alpha(g')(a))$$

$C: G \times G \rightarrow A$  and  $c$  obeys the 2-cocycle condition:

$$\alpha(g)c(g', g'') - c(gg', g'') + c(g, g'g'') - c(g, g') = 0$$

Where now we write the group operation in  $A$  using  $+$ .

Proof - HW, due Friday.

The 2-cocycle condition comes from the associative law for  $E$ .  $\square$

This is how group cohomology was discovered. The connection to simplices involves the tetrahedron. In  $G$ , the assoc law says:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} g' \\ \swarrow \downarrow \searrow \\ g \quad g' \quad g'' \\ \downarrow (gg')g'' \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c} g' \\ \nearrow \downarrow \searrow \\ g \quad g' \quad g'' \\ \downarrow g(g'g'') \end{array} \end{array}$$

In  $E \cong A \times G$  we have

$$(a_{,g})(a'_{,g'}) = (a + d(g)a' + c(g, g'), gg')$$

and associativity of this is connected to the 2-cocycle condition,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} g' \\ \downarrow \downarrow (c(g, g')) \\ g \quad g' \quad g'' \\ \downarrow (gg')g'' \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c} g' \\ \nearrow \downarrow \searrow \\ g \quad g' \quad g'' \\ \downarrow c(g, g'') \end{array} \end{array}$$

## Extensions of Groups

Last time we almost showed:

Thrm - Given a group  $(G, \cdot, 1)$  and an abelian group  $(A, +, 0)$   
 there's a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 1$$

where  $E = A \times G$  with multiplication given by

$$(a, g)(a', g') = (a + \alpha(g)a' + c(g, g'), gg')$$

with  $i(a) = (a, 1)$

$$p(a, g) = g$$

where:

\* 1)  $\alpha: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$ , so

$A$  is a  $G$ -module

\* 2)  $c: G \times G \rightarrow A$  is a 2-cocycle:

$$\alpha(g)c(g', g'') - c(gg', g'') + c(g, g'g'') - c(g, g') = 0$$

Multiplication in  $E$  is assoc

3)  $c$  is normalized: conditions coming from  $E$  has an identity  $(0, 1)$

and inverses, including:

$$c(1, g) = c(g, 1) = 0 \quad \forall g \in G$$

Moreover, every extension of  $G$  by  $A$ :  $1 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$   
 is isomorphic to one of this form.

Proof- In HW, took any extension of  $G$  by  $A$  and  
showed it had this form (or at least everything except 3)

Converse is just a calculation.  $\square$

There are four cases:

$\alpha(g) = 1_A$	perhaps $\alpha$ is nontrivial
Direct Product $A \times G$	Semidirect product $A \rtimes G$ ( $A$ normal subgroup of $G$ )
$c(g,g') = 0$	
Central extension of $G$ by $A$ perhaps $c$ is nonzero	Extension of $G$ by $A$

If  $c=0$ :

$$(a,g)(a',g') = (a + \alpha(g)a', gg')$$

If  $\alpha=1$ :

$$(a,g)(a',g') = (a + a' + c(g,g'), gg')$$

This happens iff  $A$  is a subgroup of the center of  $E$ . Recall:

$$\alpha(g)a = j(g)a j(g)^{-1} \text{ given}$$

$$1 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{j} G \longrightarrow 1$$

So if  $\alpha$  trivial,  $a \in A$  commutes w/ all  $(0,g) = j(g) \in E$ , and since  $A$  is abelian,  $a$  also commutes w/ everyone in  $A$ .

Consider 8-element groups,

None simple, so all are built by extensions:

1)  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  is a direct product

2)  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$  is a direct product

3) The dihedral group  $D_8$  is a semidirect product  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$   
reflections of the square act on rotations.

4)  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  is a central extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 0 & \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \oplus & 0' \\ 6 & 0 & 0^2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0_3 \\ & 4 & \end{array}$$

Also it's a central extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 0 & \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \oplus & 0' \\ 6 & 0 & 0^2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0_3 \\ & 4 & \end{array}$$

5) The quaternion group:

$Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$   
relations including  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$ ,  $ij = -ji = k$  and cyclic permutations

$$\begin{array}{c} | \rightarrow \{\pm 1\} \rightarrow Q_8 \rightarrow \{i, j, k : i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = 1\} \rightarrow 1 \\ || \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array}$$

This is a central extension.

Of the  $\sim 50$  billion groups of order  $< 2000$ , over 99% have order  $1024 = 2^{10}$ . "Most" finite groups have order that's a power of 2 - they're built from  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  using iterated extensions.

# Lecture 18 11-9-2018

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A 2-cocycle in everyday

An odometer describes  $\mathbb{Z}_{1,000,000}$  as an iterated central extension involving 6 copies of  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ . Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_{100}$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ + 23 \\ \hline 42 \end{array}$$

We're writing  $\mathbb{Z}_{100}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  with addition:

$$(a, b) + (a', b') = (a+a' + c(b, b'), b+b')$$

where  $c(b, b')$  is the carry digit. Associativity gives  $c$  the cocycle property.

Group cohomology

Using the bar construction, we turned the one-point  $G_1$ -set  $*$  into a chain complex of  $G_1$ -modules:

$$\text{Set}^{G_1} \xrightarrow{\quad} (\text{Set}^{G_1})^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\quad} (\text{AbGrp})^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp}^{G_1})$$

$* \longleftarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G_1^3] \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathbb{Z}[G_1^2] \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathbb{Z}[G_1]$

The cohomology of  $G_1$  w/ coefficients in the  $G_1$ -module  $A$  is cohomology of the cochain complex

$$\text{hom}_{(\text{AbGrp})^{G_1}}(\mathbb{Z}[G_1^n], A)$$

with  $\delta$  that increases  $n$  by one:

$$df(c) = f(\delta c)$$

Let's simplify this! There's an isomorphism

$$\beta: \hom_{(\text{AbGrp})^G}(\mathbb{Z}[G^{n+1}], A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \hom_{\text{AbGrp}}(\mathbb{Z}[G^n], A)$$

$$f \longmapsto \tilde{f}$$

Where

$$\tilde{f}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) = f(1, g_1, \dots, g_n)$$

$$\text{Note: } f(g_0, g_1, \dots, g_n) = f(g_0(1, g_1, \dots, g_n))$$

$$= d(g_0)(f(1, g_1, \dots, g_n))$$

$$= d(g_0)\tilde{f}(g_1, \dots, g_n)$$

So we can recover  $f$  from  $\tilde{f}$ , so  $\beta$  is an isomorphism.

So we can define  $\tilde{d}$  uniquely so that

$$\hom_{(\text{AbGrp})^G}(\mathbb{Z}[G^n], A) \xrightarrow{\beta} \hom_{\text{AbGrp}}(\mathbb{Z}[G^{n+1}], A)$$

$$\downarrow d \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \tilde{d}$$

$$\hom_{(\text{AbGrp})^G}(\mathbb{Z}[G^{n+1}], A) \xrightarrow{\beta} \hom_{\text{AbGrp}}(\mathbb{Z}[G^n], A) \ni \tilde{d}\tilde{f}$$

commutes.  $\tilde{d} = \beta \circ d \circ \beta^{-1}$ , or

$$\tilde{d}\tilde{f} = \tilde{d}f$$

Work it out!

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\delta} \tilde{f}(g_1, \dots, g_n) &= \tilde{\delta} f(g_1, \dots, g_n) \\ &= df(1, g_1, \dots, g_n) \\ &= f\partial(1, g_1, \dots, g_n)\end{aligned}$$

$$= f(g_1, \dots, g_n) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^i f(1, g_1, \dots, g_i, g_{i+1}, \dots, g_n) + (-1)^n f(1, g_1, \dots, g_{n-1})$$

$$= \alpha(g_1) \tilde{f}(g_2, \dots, g_n) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^i \tilde{f}(g_1, \dots, g_i, g_{i+1}, \dots, g_n) + (-1)^n \tilde{f}(g_1, \dots, g_{n-1})$$

Example: an extension of  $G$  by  $A$  gives a map  $c: G^2 \rightarrow A$ ;  
this is a 2-cocycle, ie  $\tilde{\delta}c = 0$ , iff

$$\alpha(g_1)c(g_2, g_3) - c(g_1g_2, g_3) + c(g_1, g_2g_3) - c(g_1, g_2) = 0$$

This is exactly the condition needed for our extension built using  $\alpha$  and  $c$  to be associative!

Thrm - Extensions of a group  $G$  by an abelian group  $A$  are classified up to isomorphism by:

- an action  $\alpha$  of  $G$  on  $A$
- a cohomology class

$$[c] \in H^2(G, A) = \frac{\{2\text{-cocycles}\}}{\{2\text{-coboundaries}\}}$$

Idea of proof - Starting from an extension

$$1 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 1$$

and a map  $j: G \rightarrow E$  wr  $p \circ j = 1_G$ , we got an action  $\alpha$   
and a 2-cocycle  $c$ .

If we changed  $\alpha$ , we'd get the same  $\alpha$  and  $c$   
would change to  $c' = c + dk$  for some  $k: G \rightarrow A$ .

Conversely, given an action  $\alpha$  and a 2-cocycle  $c$ , we  
can build a group structure on  $E = A \times G$  and an extension

$$1 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 1$$

If we choose  $c'$  with  $[c] = [c']$ , then  $c' = c + dk$ ,  
we get another extension but it's isomorphic:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & E & & \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow \text{is} & \searrow & \\ 1 \rightarrow A & \longrightarrow & E' & \longrightarrow & G \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

i.e. there's an isomorphism  $\ell: E \rightarrow E'$  that makes this  
commute.  $\square$

No more class except: Fridays (except day after Thanksgiving)  
 Monday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

But classes are optionally extended for a 2nd hour

### Examples of Group Cohomology

Suppose p and q are prime.

Prop - Let  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  be made into a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module in a trivial way ( $\mathbb{Z}_p$  acts as identity automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ )

$$H^2(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_q) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_p & \text{if } p=9 \\ \{0\} & \text{if } p \neq 9 \end{cases}$$

So the only central extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  is the trivial one:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 0$$

But when  $p \neq q$  we get p nonisomorphic central extensions:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 0$$

But in all of these, E is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$

Note if  $p \neq q$ , you do have

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{pq} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{but } \mathbb{Z}_{pq} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_q$$

Much more generally:

## Fracture Theorem:

i) Any group of order  $p^n$  is nilpotent.

a finite group is nilpotent iff it's built from abelian groups by iterated central extensions:

$$| \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow |$$

$$| \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow |$$

with our group being  $E_n$  and all  $A_i$  abelian.

2) Any group of order  $p^n$  is built from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  by iterated central extensions.

(Just show  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  is a central extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n-1}}$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , so all abelian groups of order a power of  $p$  are built from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  by iterated central extensions.)

3) Any finite nilpotent group is a direct product of groups (necessarily nilpotent) of prime power order for various primes.

## Higher-dimensional algebra or "Homotopification"

We can generalize familiar algebraic structures (groups, rings, ...) from sets to higher dimensional things such as:

- categories (or 2-categories, or...)
  - simplicial sets
  - topological spaces

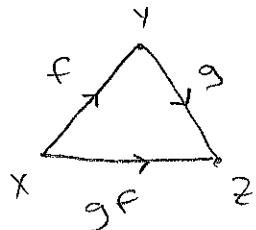


These are related! Let  $\text{Cat}$  be the mere category of all (small) categories. Then we have functors:

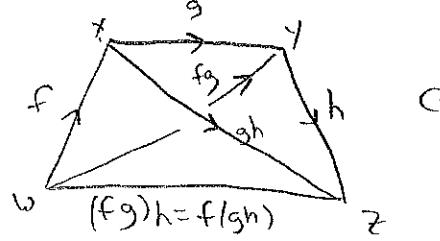
The nerve of a category  $C$  has 0-simplices

- $x$  objects of  $C$

$x \xrightarrow{f} y$  morphisms of  $C$



commuting triangles in  $C$

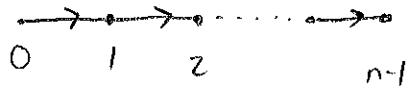


commuting tetrahedra in  $C$

Def - Given a category  $C$  its nerve  $N(C): \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  is given by:

$$N(C)([n]) = \text{hom}_{\text{Cat}^+}([n], C)$$

where  $[n]$  is the totally ordered set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ , which is a poset hence a category:



For example if  $[3] = \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$N(C)([3]) = \{ \text{functors } F: [3] \rightarrow C \}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{with vertices } F(0), F(1), F(2) \\ \text{and edges } F(0) \rightarrow F(1), F(1) \rightarrow F(2), F(0) \rightarrow F(2) \end{array} \right\}$$

- Thrm - 1) Every CW complex is homotopy equivalent to  $|X|$  for some  $X \in \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$
- 2) Every space  $|X|$  with  $X \in \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  is homeomorphic to  $|\text{N}(C)|$  from some category  $C$ .

Also, geometric realization

$$[2] \rightarrow [3]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta & \xleftarrow{Y} & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\ \downarrow & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{Top} & \xleftarrow{\text{---}} & \Delta \end{array}$$

has a right adjoint

$$\text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$$

also called "nerve".

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What's this other nerve

$$\mathcal{N} : \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(X) : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

is given by

$\gamma$  yoneda embedding  
l.l geometric realization

$$\mathcal{N}(X)([n]) = \text{Hom}([\gamma[n]], X)$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\ \downarrow & \swarrow \text{l.l} & \\ \text{Top} & & \end{array}$$

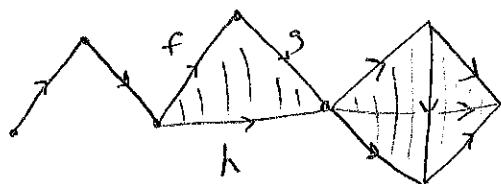

In algebraic topology we use this to turn a space into a chain complex:

$$\text{Top} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{N}} \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{?} \text{AbGrp}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\text{C}} \text{Ch}(\text{AbGrp})$$

So we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Cat} & \xrightarrow{N} & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\ \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowright \\ & & \text{Top} \end{array}$$

where ? turns any simplicial set into a category - left adjoint to N:

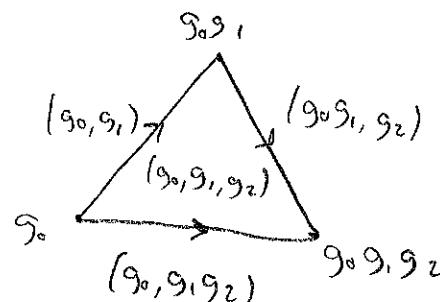


where  $gf = h$

The theorem I stated is a step toward proving that  
 $\text{Cat}$ ,  $\text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  and  $\text{Top}$  are "Quillen equivalent model categories"  
- they're all equally good for homotopy theory, even though  
they're not equivalent as categories

## $\mathbb{E}G$ , revisited

Given a group  $G$ , we got a simplicial set  $\mathbb{E}G$



One 0-simplex for each group element and one 1-simplex for each pair  $(g, h)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (g, h) & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ g & & gh \end{array}$$

This is the nerve of a category!

This category has:

- elements of  $G$  as objects
- there's exactly one morphism from any  $g \in G$  to any  $k \in G$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (g, h) & \longrightarrow & \\ g & & k \end{array} \quad \text{where } h \text{ is such that } gh = k.$$

This is a groupoid, and an example of this:

Def - If  $X$  is a set with a right  $G$ -action,  
the translation groupoid  $X//G$  has:

- one object for each  $x \in X$
- morphisms like this:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (x,g) & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \text{such that } xg = y, \quad x,y \in X \\ x & \longrightarrow & y \end{array}$$

- composition works like this:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & xg & & \\ & \nearrow (x,g) & \downarrow & \searrow (xg,h) & \\ x & \longrightarrow & (x,gh) & \longrightarrow & xgh \end{array}$$

Theorem -  $N(G//G) = EG$ , where  $G$  acts on itself by right multiplication.

Proof - Just look at them!  $\square$

In general,  $X//G$  is the "weak quotient" of  $X$  by  $G$ ,  
where we decree  $x, y \in X$  are isomorphic (not equal) if  
 $\exists g \in G$  such that  $xg = y$ .

There's a map  $X//G \rightarrow X/G$

$\begin{array}{ccc} & \uparrow & \\ & \text{groupoid} & \\ & \uparrow & \\ X // G & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & X/G \end{array}$

a set, hence a groupoid w/ only identity elements

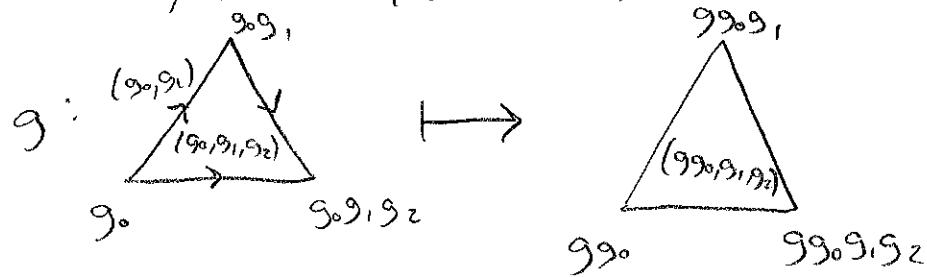
$$\begin{array}{ccc} x & \xrightarrow{(x,g)} & ? \\ & \longmapsto & \longmapsto id_{[x]} \\ & & [x] \end{array}$$

$[xg] = [x]$

which turns isomorphisms into equations.

$G/G_1$  is just a point, while  $|N(G/G_1)| = EG_1$  is a contractible space.  $G_1$  acts trivially on a point, but  $G_1$  acts nontrivially on the left of  $G//G_1$ , hence

$N(G//G_1)$ , hence  $|N(G//G_1)|$ :



So  $EG_1$  and  $EG_1$  have nontrivial left  $G_1$ -actions.

Thrm - Let  $BG = EG_1/G_1$  where we mod out by the left  $G_1$ -action. Then

1)  $BG_1$  is connected,

$$\pi_1(BG_1) \cong G_1$$

$$\pi_n(BG_1) = \{0\} \quad n > 1$$

2) Any CW complex with these properties is homotopy equivalent to  $BG_1$ .

$g \in G_1$  gives an element of  $\pi_1(BG_1)$

## Homotopification and Higher Algebra

We can generalize familiar mathematical structures from the category of sets to categories of "higher-dimensional" things:

e.g.

$$\text{Set} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \text{Cat} \xrightarrow{N} \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\text{Geo. Realization}} \text{Top}$$

Nerve    Geo. Realization

"0d math"    "1d math"    "higher-dim math"

All these categories have products, which enable us to define:

monoids	groups	rings
commutative monoids	abelian groups	commutative rings

inside any of these categories.

A monoid in Cat, for example, is called a "strict monoidal category".

Def - A category  $X$  has products if given any family of objects  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $X$  there's an object  $Y$  called their product, equipped w/ projections  $\pi_\alpha: Y \rightarrow X_\alpha$  such that given any other morphisms  $f_\alpha: q \rightarrow X_\alpha$ , there exists a unique morphism  $g: q \rightarrow Y$  such that:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & g & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow f_\alpha \\ Y & & X_\alpha \\ & \searrow & \\ & \pi_\alpha & \end{array}$$

Example: If  $A = \emptyset$ , we're saying for any object  $q$ ,  $\exists! g: q \rightarrow Y$ , and we say,  $Y$  is a terminal object, usually denoted  $1$ . E.g. in Cat,

$$1 = \times \mathbb{Q}lx$$

and in  $\text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  the terminal object has one  $n$ -simplex for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In  $\text{Top}$ ,  $1$  is the singleton w/ only topology.

Def- If  $X$  has products, a monoid in  $X$ , or monoid internal to  $X$ , or monoid internal to  $X$ , or monoid object in  $X$ , is an object  $M \in X$  with a multiplication:

$$\cdot u: M \times M \rightarrow M$$

$$\text{and unit } i: 1 \rightarrow M$$

obeying associativity:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times M \times M & \xrightarrow{u \times 1} & M \times M \\ | \times u \downarrow & & \downarrow u \\ M \times M & \xrightarrow{u} & M \end{array}$$

and left/right unit laws

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 \times M & \xleftarrow{\sim} & M & \xrightarrow{\sim} & M \times 1 \\ i \times 1 \downarrow & & \downarrow 1_M & & \downarrow 1 \times i \\ M \times M & \xrightarrow{u} & M & \xleftarrow{u} & M \times M \end{array}$$

We can also define morphisms of monoids in  $X$ , which are morphisms  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  that preserve  $u$  and  $i$ .

Puzzle: What commutative diagrams express this "preservation" of  $u$  and  $i$ ?

There's a category  $\text{Mon}(X)$  of monoids in  $X$ .

For example:

- a monoid in  $\text{Set}$  is a monoid:  $\text{Mon}(\text{Set}) = \text{Mon}$
- a monoid in  $\text{Cat}$  is a strict monoidal category: there's a category  $\text{Mon}(\text{Cat})$
- a monoid in  $\text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$  is called a simplicial monoid: there's a category  $\text{Mon}(\text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}) \simeq \text{Mon}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$
- a monoid in  $\text{Top}$  is called a topological monoid, e.g.  $([0, \infty), +, 0) \in \text{Mon}(\text{Top})$ .

These functors preserve products:

$$\text{Set} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \text{Cat} \xrightarrow{N} \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\text{l.l}} \text{Top}$$

e.g.

$$N\left(\prod_{a \in A} C_a\right) \cong \prod_{a \in A} N(C_a)$$

is a canonical isomorphism.

If  $F: X \rightarrow X'$  preserves products and these categories have products, we get a functor

$$\text{Mon}(F): \text{Mon}(X) \rightarrow \text{Mon}(X')$$

so we can turn monoids into strict monoidal categories, and then into simplicial monoids, and then into topological monoids.

$\circ : i \longmapsto \circ : i$  Thm - Right adjoints preserve products

Let's prove this for binary products (same argument works in general for any product). Say  $X$  and  $X'$  have binary products and  $U: X \rightarrow X'$  is a right adjoint, want  $U(a \times b) \cong U(a) \times U(b)$  for all  $a, b \in X$ .

Let's show  $U(a \times b)$  is a product of  $U(a)$  and  $U(b)$  that will do it. We need projections

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & U(a \times b) & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ U(a) & & U(b) \end{array}$$

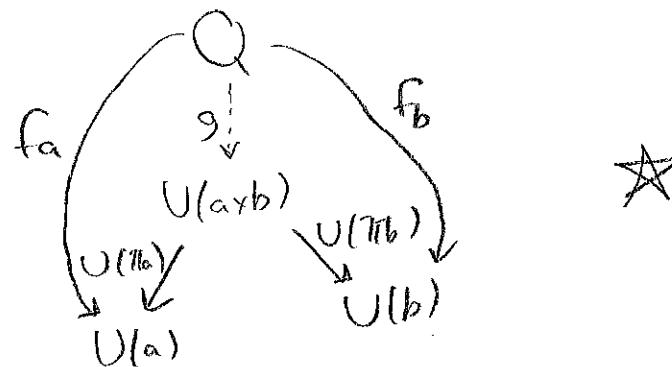
We had

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & a \times b & \\ \pi_a \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_b \\ a & & b \end{array}$$

So we get our projections from that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & U(a \times b) & \\ U(\pi_a) \swarrow & & \searrow U(\pi_b) \\ U(a) & & U(b) \end{array}$$

Given any competitor



Now recall  $\text{hom}_X(Fx, x') \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{hom}_X(x, Ux')$  for all objects  $x \in X, x' \in X'$  where  $F$  is the left adjoint.

In  $X$  we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & F(Q) & \\
 \beta(f_a) \swarrow & \downarrow \beta(h) & \searrow \beta(f_b) \\
 a & a \times b & b \\
 \pi_a \searrow & \downarrow & \swarrow \pi_b \\
 & b &
 \end{array}
 \quad \star \star$$

Since  $a \times b$  is a product. Take  $s = \alpha(h)$ . Show  $\star$  commutes for this  $s$  iff  $\star \star$  commutes for the corresponding  $h$ .

Which of these are right adjoints?

$$\text{Set} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \text{Cat} \xrightarrow{N} \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{l.l} \text{Top}$$

$l.l$  is a left adjoint

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Top} & \xrightarrow{n} & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\
 & \curvearrowleft & \\
 & l.l \text{- is a left adjoint} &
 \end{array}$$

$n$  - is a right adjoint

$N$  is a right adjoint:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Cat} & \xrightarrow{N} & \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}} \\
 & \curvearrowleft & \\
 & \text{realization} &
 \end{array}$$

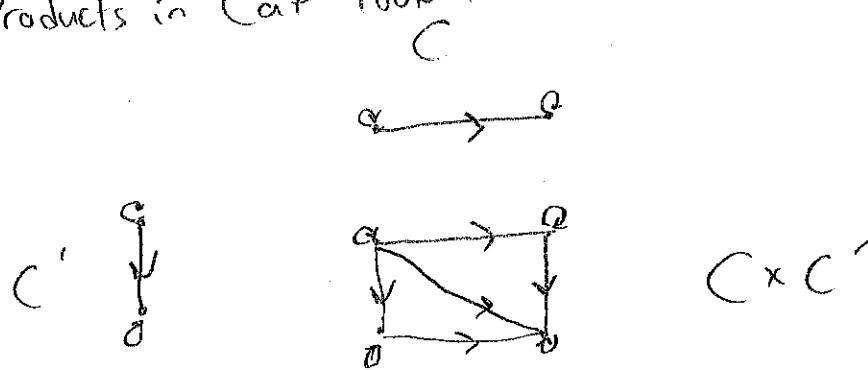
There's a forgetful functor  $U: \text{Cat} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  that only remembers the set of objects. This has a left adjoint  $L: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$  and right adjoint  $R: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ . Which one is  $\text{Disc}: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ ?

$$\hom_{\text{Cat}}( \text{Disc}(S), C) \cong \hom_{\text{Set}}(S, UC)$$

so  $\text{Disc} = L$ , the left adjoint.

So  $N$  preserves products because it's a right adjoint, but  $\text{Disc}$  and  $L$  do so for subtler reasons.

Products in  $\text{Cat}$  look like this:



where the triangles commute.

So if  $S = \{\circ, \cdot\}$ ,  $S' = \{:\}$

$$S \times S' = \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \downarrow \\ S' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \downarrow \\ :\end{array}$$

$$\text{Disc}(S \times S') = \begin{array}{cc} \circ & \circ \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \circ & \circ \end{array} \cong \text{Disc}(S) \times \text{Disc}(S')$$

$\mathbb{I}$ -1 preserves products for similar reasons.

Given  $X, X' \in \text{Set}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$ ,

$$(X \times X')[n] = X[n] \times X'[n]$$

Suppose  $X$  and  $X'$  are the walking  $1$ -simplex



or really

$$X[n] = \text{hom}_{\Delta}([n], [2])$$

Since

$$[2] = \{0, 1\}$$

So  $0$ -simplices in the walking  $1$ -simplex are

$$\text{hom}_{\Delta}([1], [2]) = \text{hom}_{\Delta}(\{0\}, \{0, 1\})$$

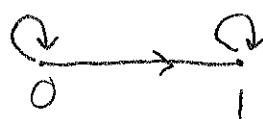
namely  
finite ordinals

There are 2:  $0 \xrightarrow{0} 0$  shown here  $\begin{array}{ccc} & \rightarrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$

$$0 \xrightarrow{1} 1$$

The  $1$ -simplices in  $X$  are  $\text{hom}_{\Delta}(\{0, 1\}, \{0, 1\})$  are:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \xrightarrow{0} 0 & 0 \xrightarrow{0} 1 & 0 \xrightarrow{1} 1 \\ 1 \xrightarrow{0} 0 & 1 \xrightarrow{1} 1 & 1 \xrightarrow{1} 1 \end{array}$$



Two of these are "degenerate".

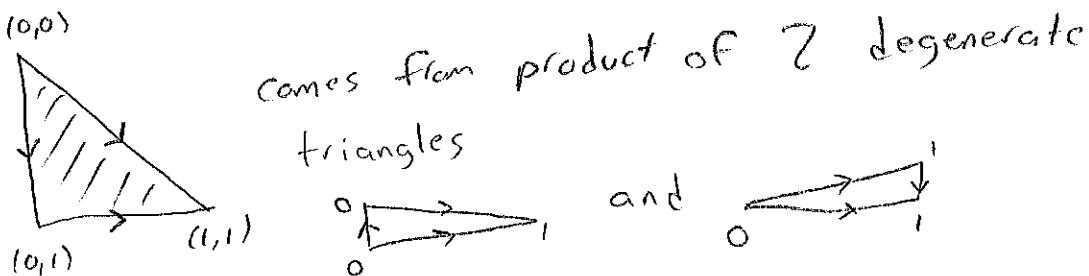
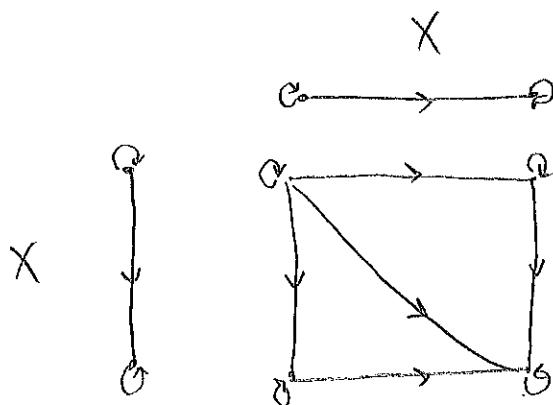
The 2-simplices in  $X$  are

$\text{hom}_\Delta((0,1,2), (0,1,3))$

$$\begin{array}{c} \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{2}{\downarrow} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{0}{\bullet} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{2}{\downarrow} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\bullet} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{2}{\downarrow} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\bullet} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overset{0}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{2}{\downarrow} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \overset{1}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\bullet} \overset{1}{\bullet} \end{array}$$



These are needed for  $\text{I}\wr\text{I}$  to preserve products:



Two degenerate triangles  $\Rightarrow$  nondegenerate triangle

## Monoidal Categories

We defined a strict monoidal category to be a monoid in  $\text{Cat}$ ,  
ie a category  $M$  w/ a functor usually called

$$\otimes: M \times M \rightarrow M$$

and a functor

$$i: I \rightarrow M \quad (\text{the same as an object } I \in M)$$

obeying associativity and left/right unit laws:

$$I \otimes x = x = x \otimes I \quad \forall x \in M$$

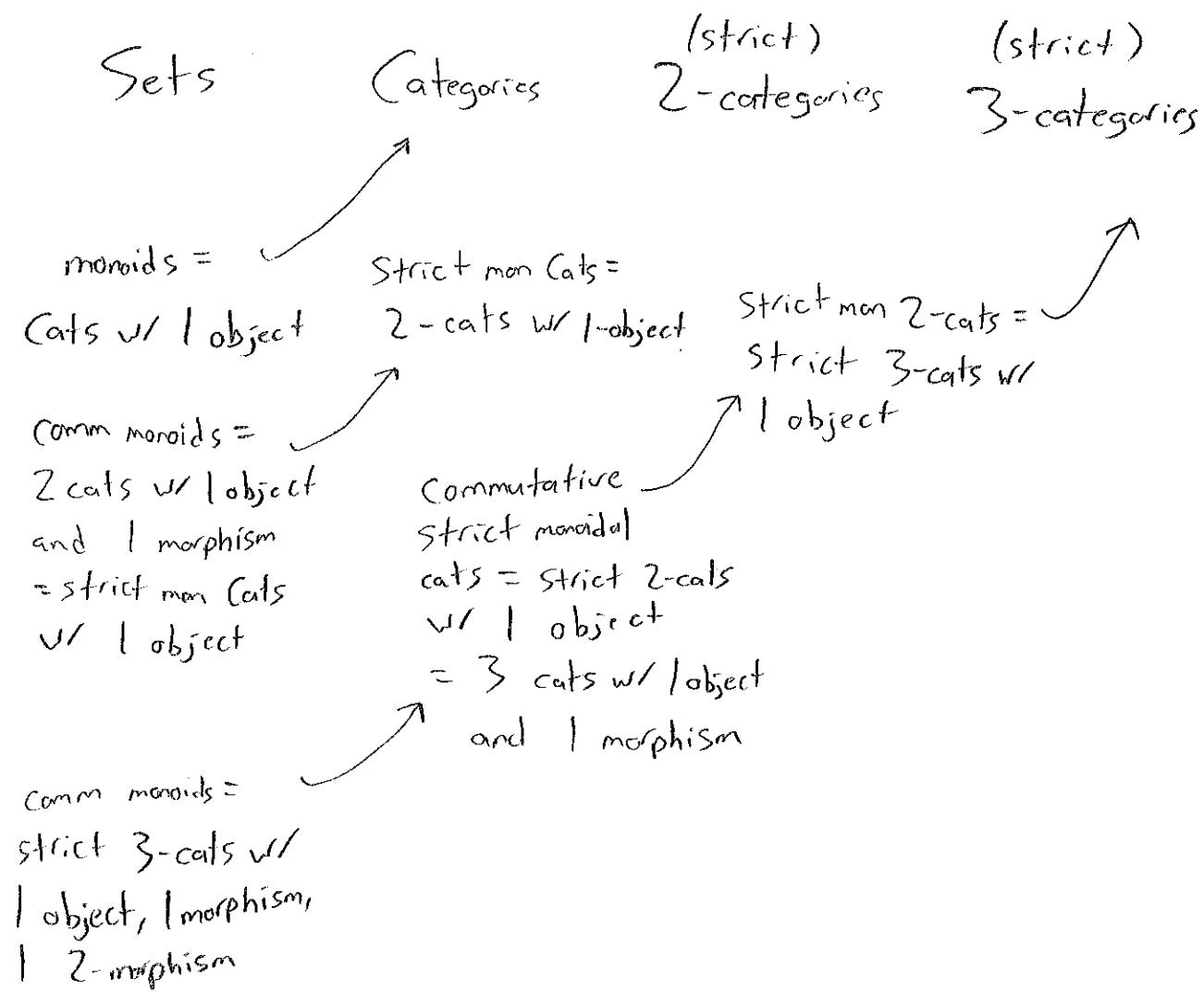
Thrm- A strict monoidal category is "the same" as a 2-category with one object.

Proof- Given a 2-category  $C$  with one object  $*$   $\in C$ , let  $M = \text{hom}_C(*, *)$   
 let  $\otimes = \circ: \text{hom}_C(*, *) \times \text{hom}_C(*, *)$  and let  $I = l_* \in \text{hom}_C(*, *)$ . The converse  
 works the same way.  $\square$

This is a categorification of the fact that a monoid is a category with one object.

# The Strict Periodic Table

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Here, we are reindexing, e.g.

2-cat with one object	strict mon cat
2-morphisms	morphisms
morphisms	objects
*	

Showing that, mon cats wr one object are comm. monoids is the "Eckmann-Hilton argument", invented by topology to show  $\pi_2(X, *)$  is an abelian group.

$\pi_0(X, *)$  = the set of connected components of  $X$

$\pi_1(X, *)$  = the group of homotopy classes of pointed maps  $S^1 \rightarrow X$

$\pi_2(X, *)$  = the abelian group of...

$\pi_3(X, *)$  = the abelian group of...

This secretly comes from the 1st column in the periodic table.

Most categories with a tensor product are not strict monoidal categories: instead we just have natural isomorphisms:

$\alpha_{x,y,z} : (x \otimes y) \otimes z \xrightarrow{\sim} x \otimes (y \otimes z)$  the associator

$\lambda_x : I \otimes x \xrightarrow{\sim} x$  left unit

$\rho_x : x \otimes I \xrightarrow{\sim} x$  right unit

In a monoidal category we have a cat  $M$  wr a functor  $\otimes : M \times M \rightarrow M$  and an object  $I \in M$  and these 3 natural isomorphisms obeying some "coherence laws" which mean we don't have to care about how we reparenthesize:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \alpha_{w,x,y \otimes z} & / w \otimes (x \otimes y) \otimes z & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{w,x \otimes y,z}} w \otimes ((x \otimes y) \otimes z) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho_w \otimes \alpha_{x,y,z} \\
 ((w \otimes x) \otimes y) \otimes z & & \\
 \alpha_{w \otimes x,y,z} & / (w \otimes x) \otimes (y \otimes z) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{w,x,y \otimes z}} w \otimes (x \otimes (y \otimes z))
 \end{array}$$

Commutes (the pentagon identity), and also...

$$(x \otimes I) \otimes y \xrightarrow{d_{x \otimes I, y}} x \otimes (I \otimes y)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & l_{x \otimes I, y} \\ p_{x \otimes I, y} \searrow & & \downarrow \\ & x \otimes y & \end{array}$$

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Commutes (the triangle identity). MacLane and Kelly showed around 1968 that these imply that every diagram built from associators, unitors, tensoring and identities commutes.

Replacing equations w/ isomorphisms obeying coherence laws is called Weakening.

There are lots of non-strict monoidal cats:

$$(\text{Set}, \times, 1)$$

$$(\text{Set}, +, \emptyset)$$

$$(\text{Vect}_k, \otimes, k)$$

$$(\text{Vect}_k, \oplus, \{0\})$$

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## n-Groupoids and The Periodic Table

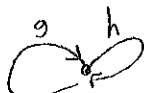
Using general (non-strict) monoidal categories, we can define a nice notion of categorified group or "2-group".

Def- A 2-group  $M$  is a monoidal category where:

- 1) Every morphism is invertible: given  $f: x \rightarrow y$ , there exists  $f^{-1}: y \rightarrow x$  such that  $f \circ f^{-1} = I_y$ ,  $f^{-1} \circ f = I_x$  (ie  $M$  is a groupoid)
- 2) Every object  $g \in M$  is invertible:  $\exists g^{-1} \in M$  such that  $g \otimes g^{-1} \cong I$ ,  $g^{-1} \otimes g \cong I$ .

Example: Given a topological space  $X$  and  $* \in X$ , the fundamental 2-group of  $X$  has:

- loops based at  $* \in X$  as objects, with  $\otimes$  being composition of loops



- homotopy classes of homotopies between loops as morphisms:



w/ composition of homotopies as composition:



There's a concept of "equivalence" of monoidal categories (an equivalence of categories that's compatible w/ the monoidal structure, ie tensor product), and thus of 2-groups.

Thrm - Every 2-group is the fundamental 2-group of some topological space, up to equivalence.

(Just like every group is the fundamental group of some space.)

Thrm - Any 2-group is equivalent to one built from these data:

- a group  $G_r$  (this will give the objects of our 2-group wr mult in  $G_r$  as  $\otimes$ )
- an abelian group  $A$  (this will give the morphisms  $a: I \rightarrow I$ , where  $I$  is the unit object in our 2-group, and such morphisms form a group under composition)
- an action  $p$  of  $G_r$  on  $A$
- a 3-cocycle  $c: G_r \times G_r \times G_r \rightarrow A$  on  $G_r$  valued in the  $G_r$ -module  $A$ .  
(This comes from the associator  $d_{g,h,k}: (g \otimes h) \otimes k \rightarrow g \otimes (h \otimes k)$  turned into a morphism  $c(g,h,k): I \rightarrow I$  in some clever way.)

Proof - Later, but the 3-cocycle equation is equivalent to the pentagon identity for the associator.  $\square$

This story goes on: you can build an  $n$ -group  $G_r, A, p$  and an  $(n+1)$ -cocycle  $c: G_r^{n+1} \rightarrow A$ . What's an  $n$ -group? Let's see...

We saw that a strict monoidal category is a 2-category with one object. A general "weak" monoidal category is a weak 2-category with one object, or "bicategory" with one object.

A bicategory is just like a 2-category except composition of morphisms is associative and unital only up to natural isomorphisms:

$$\alpha_{f,g,h}: (f \circ g) \circ h \xrightarrow{\sim} f \circ (g \circ h)$$

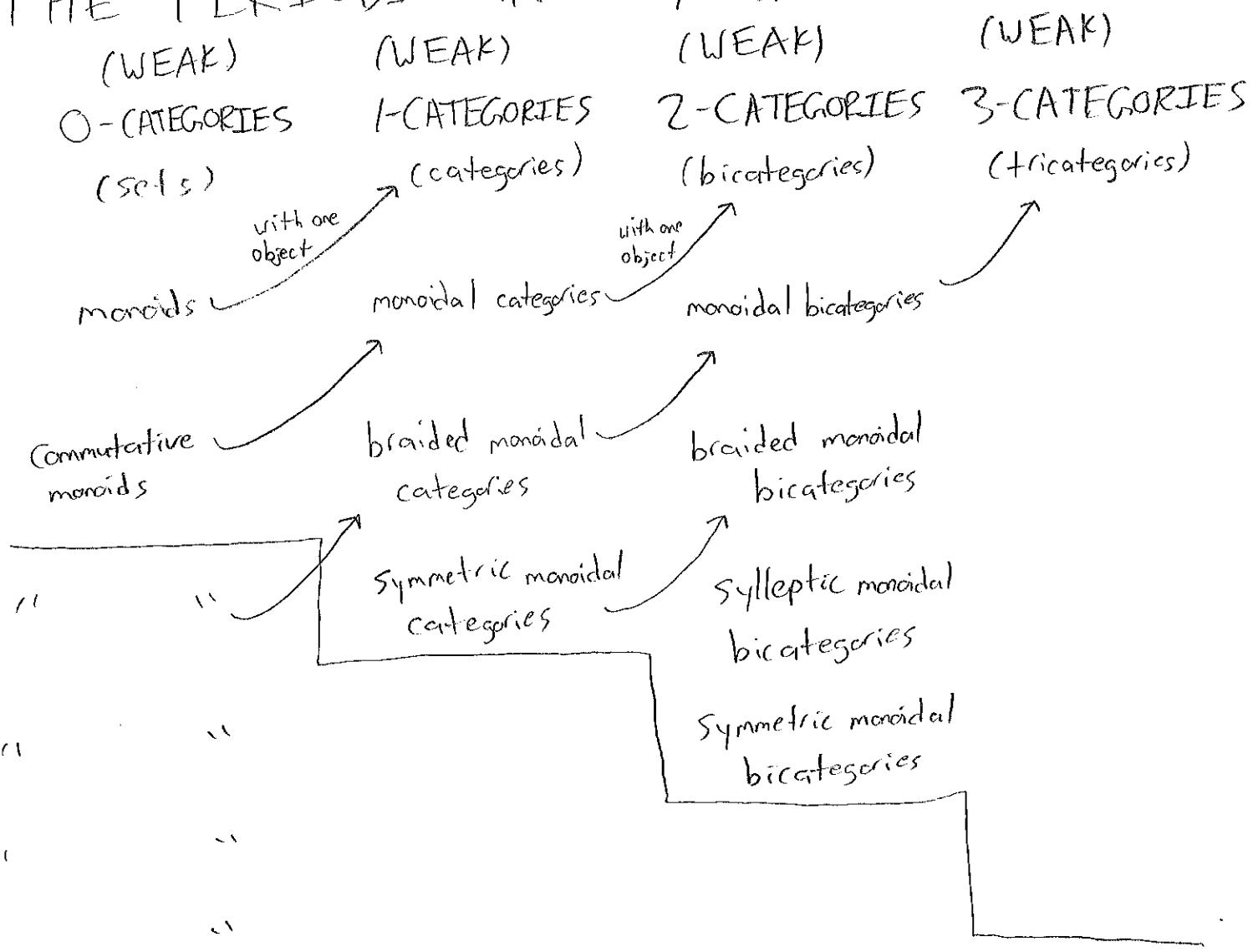
$$\lambda_f: 1 \circ f \xrightarrow{\sim} f$$

$$\rho_f: f \circ 1 \xrightarrow{\sim} f$$

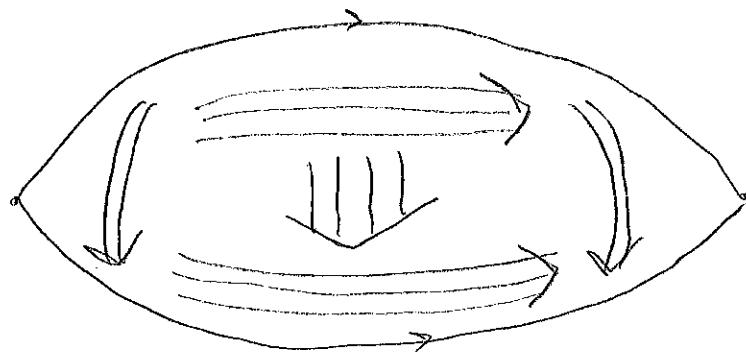
obeying pentagon identity and triangle identity.

In general, weak  $n$ -categories are more interesting than strict ones.

## THE PERIODIC TABLE OF WEAK $n$ -CATEGORIES



The Stabilization Hypothesis says that the  $n$ -category column stabilizes after  $n+2$  rows. This has been proved by now.



A weak  $n$ -category where all  $j$ -morphisms ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) are invertible (up to a higher morphism) is called a weak  $n$ -groupoid.

Any topological space  $X$  has a fundamental  $n$ -groupoid  $\Pi_n(X)$  with:

- points in  $X$  as objects
- paths in  $X$  as morphisms
- homotopies between paths as 2-morphisms
- ⋮
- homotopy classes of homotopies of... as  $n$ -morphisms.

The Homotopy Hypothesis implies that every  $n$ -groupoid is the fundamental  $n$ -groupoid of some space, up to equivalence.

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Why do 2-groups all come, up to equivalence, from quadruples  $(G, A, \rho, c)$  where  $c$  is a 3-cocycle?

Thrm - Any 2-group is equivalent to one where:

- 1) The left and right unitors are identity morphisms
- 2) It's skeletal: isomorphic objects are equal

In this kind of 2-group we can a non-identity associator

$$\alpha_{g,h,k}: (g \otimes h) \otimes k \xrightarrow{\sim} g \otimes (h \otimes k)$$

but by 2 we have

$$(g \otimes h) \otimes k = g \otimes (h \otimes k). \star$$

Let's consider a 2-group  $M = A \times G$  of this form and get  $(G, A, \rho, c)$  from it.

Let  $G$  be the set of objects, made into a group using  $\otimes$ . By  $\star$ ,  $\otimes: G \times G \rightarrow G$  really is associative, and def of 2-group says

$\forall g \in G, \exists g^{-1} \in G: g \otimes g^{-1} \cong I \cong g^{-1} \otimes g$ , so by 2),  $g \otimes g^{-1} = g^{-1} \otimes g$ .

Next, let  $A = \text{hom}_M(I, I)$

This is a group under composition  $\circ: A \times A \rightarrow A$  because in a 2-group every morphism is invertible. Why is it an abelian group?

This comes from the Eckmann-Hilton argument.

Note besides

$$\circ: \text{hom}_M(I, I) \times \text{hom}_M(I, I) \rightarrow \text{hom}_M(I, I)$$

we also have

$$\otimes: \text{hom}_M(I, I) \times \text{hom}_M(I, I) \rightarrow \text{hom}_M\left(\begin{smallmatrix} I \otimes I & I \otimes I \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ I & I \end{smallmatrix}\right)$$

$$\text{since } I \otimes I \cong I$$

because  $\otimes$  is a functor. Functoriality of  $\otimes$  also implies

$$(a \circ b) \otimes (c \circ d) = (a \otimes c) \circ (b \otimes d) \text{ "the interchange law"}$$

Also,  $I_I$  is the identity for  $\circ$  and  $\otimes$  in  $A = \text{hom}_M(I, I)$ .

Now the Eckmann-Hilton argument kicks in. Given  $a, b \in A$ ,

$$a \circ b = (a \otimes I_I) \circ (I_I \otimes b)$$

$$= (a \circ I_I) \otimes (I_I \circ b)$$

$$= a \otimes b$$

$$= (I_I \circ a) \otimes (b \circ I_I)$$

$$= (I \otimes b) \circ (a \otimes I_I)$$

$$= b \circ a$$

So  $\otimes = \circ$  and it's commutative!

Secretly, commutativity is arising from the 2-dimensionality in a bicategory (a 2-group is a bicategory with one object and everything invertible).

So:  $A$  is an abelian group.

Next, what's the action  $p: G_1 \times A \rightarrow A$ ?

$$p(g)a = |_{g \otimes a} \circ |_{g^{-1}} : g \otimes I \otimes g^{-1} \rightarrow g \otimes I \otimes g^{-1}$$

but  $g \otimes I \otimes g^{-1} = I$ , so  $p(g)a \in A$ . You can check

$$p(g)(a \otimes a') = p(g)(a) \otimes p(g)(a')$$

$$p(gs')(a) = p(g)p(s')(a)$$

All the objects of  $M = A \times G_1$  are elements of  $G_1$ ; what about all the morphisms? They're all isomorphisms and isomorphic objects of  $M$  are equal, so they're all automorphisms  $f: g \xrightarrow{\sim} g$ .

Given any such  $f$ , we have

$$f \otimes |_{g^{-1}}: I \rightarrow I$$

so  $f \otimes |_{g^{-1}}: a \in A$ , ie

$$f = a \otimes |_g \text{ for some } a \in A.$$

So morphisms in  $M = A \times G_1$  correspond to pairs  $(a, g) \in A \times G_1$ .

Finally, what about the 3-cocycle  $c: G^3 \rightarrow A$ ?

Given  $g, h, k \in G^3$ , we get

$$\alpha_{g,h,k}: (g \otimes h) \otimes k \rightarrow g \otimes (h \otimes k)$$

This corresponds to a pair  $(c(g,h,k), (g \otimes h) \otimes k) \in A \times G_1 = M$ .

The pentagon identity must be equivalent to some equation involving  $c$ .

The pentagon identity says

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & d_{g,h\otimes k,l} \\
 & (g\otimes(h\otimes k))\otimes l & \xrightarrow{\quad} g\otimes((h\otimes k)\otimes l) \\
 \swarrow d_{gh,k}\otimes l & & \downarrow 1_g\otimes d_{h,k,l} \\
 ((g\otimes h)\otimes k)\otimes l & & \\
 \searrow d_{g\otimes h,k,l} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} g\otimes(h\otimes(k\otimes l)) \\
 & (g\otimes h)\otimes(k\otimes l) & \xrightarrow{\quad} d_{g,h,k\otimes l}
 \end{array}$$

In terms of  $c$ , this says writing + for group operation in  $A$ :

$$c(g,h,k) + c(g,h\otimes k,l) + p(g)c(h,k,l) = c(g\otimes h,k,l) + c(g,h,k\otimes l)$$

This is the 3-cocycle in group cohomology! Writing group mult. in  $G$  in the usual way, not  $\otimes$ , the above is equivalent to:

$$p(g)c(h,k,l) - c(gh,k,l) + c(g,hk,l) - c(g,h,kl) + c(g,h,k) = 0 \quad !!$$