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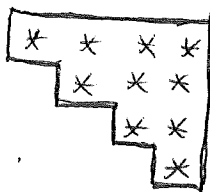
Let V be a vector space over a field K of countable infinite dimension. Form a poset consisting of subspaces W of V such that $\dim W = \dim V/W = \infty$, with $W_1 < W_2$ iff $W_1 \subset W_2$ and $\dim(W_2/W_1) = \infty$. Is X contractible?

~~Let F be a finite subset of X .~~ Again let F be a finite subset of X . Pick a maximal subset $\{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$ of F such that $y = x_1 \cap \dots \cap x_p$ has infinite dimension. Then for all other x in F , $x \cap y$ is finite-dimensional and so we can shrink y successively still keeping it infinite dimensional until we get z such that for all $x \in F$ either $z \cap x = 0$ or $z \subset x$. Now let z' be a subspace of z of infinite dim + codim in z .

I consider sending x in F to $x + z'$. If $x \cap z = 0$, then $x + z / x + z' \simeq z / z'$ is inf. diml. so $x + z' \in X$. Also $x < x + z' > z'$. On the other hand if $z \subset x$, then $x + z' = x \in F$ and $x = x + z' > z'$ because $z/z' \subset x/z'$. Finally if $x_1 < x_2$ we want to show that $x_1 + z' < x_2 + z'$. This is clear if either $z \subset x_1$ or if $z \cap x_2 = 0$. If $z \subset x_2$ and $z \cap x_1 = 0$, then $x_1 + z' < x_2 = x_2 + z'$ because $x_2 / x_1 + z' \supset x_2 \oplus z / x_1 \oplus z' \simeq z / z'$ is infinite dimensional. Therefore X is contractible.

~~Suppose that $\text{char}(K) = p$ and that~~

Given a p -simplex $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_p$ in X there exists a decomposition $V = V_0 \oplus \dots \oplus V_{p+1}$ such that $x_j = V_0 \oplus \dots \oplus V_j$, where V_i is infinite-dimensional, hence isomorphic to V . Thus $G = \text{Aut}(V)$ acts transitively on the p -simplices, the stabilizer of a p -simplex being a group:



with $p+1$ blocks in the diagonal positions, and where the \blacksquare entries come from the ring $\text{End}(V)$. So now make the usual assumptions that guarantee the unipotent radical doesn't contribute to homology:

- a) homology with coefficients in \mathbb{Q}
 or b) homology with coefficients in \mathbb{F}_ℓ where $\ell^{-1} \in K$.

Then the spectral sequence becomes

$$E_{qp}^1 = H_q(G^{p+1}) \implies 0$$

and as before this implies $\tilde{H}_*(G) = 0$.

Fix a vector space M over K , and consider the groupoids \mathcal{E}_M consisting of exact sequences of K -vector spaces:

$$0 \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

with $\dim(V)$ countable infinite; morphisms are isomorphisms over M . On \mathcal{E}_M we have a product functor

$$(E_1, E_2) \longmapsto E_1 \times_M E_2$$

which induced a product on $H_*(\mathcal{E}_M)$ which is commutative and associative. Note that \mathcal{E}_M is equivalent to the group

$$\text{Aut}(M \oplus V/M) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{id}_M & \text{Hom}(M, V) \\ \text{Hom}(M, V) & \text{Aut}(V) \end{bmatrix}$$

In addition we have an infinite sum functor Σ defined as follows. Given $E \longrightarrow M$, consider inside of $E \times_M E \times_M E \times \dots$ the subspace formed of sequences (e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots) such that $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots\}$ is finite. Call this subspace $(E/M)^{(\infty)}$, whence we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V^{(\infty)} \longrightarrow (E/M)^{(\infty)} \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

which we define to be $\Sigma(E/M)$. So the K-theory of E_M is trivial. This means that the embedding

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{id}_M & 0 & 0 \\ \text{Hom}(M, V) & \text{Aut}(V) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id}_V \end{bmatrix} \subset \begin{bmatrix} \text{id}_M & & \\ \text{Hom}(M, V) & \text{Aut}(V \oplus V) & \\ \text{Hom}(M, V) & & \end{bmatrix}$$

should induce the zero map on \tilde{H}_* .

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It seems necessary to review stability for a field. Let V_0 be a subspace of V and let $P(V, V_0)$ be the poset of subspaces $W \triangleleft V$ such that $W + V_0 = V$. According to Lusztig this complex has the homotopy type of a bouquet of spheres of its dimension (which is $\dim(V_0) - 1$). It follows that we get a Lusztig sequence.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{\substack{W+V_0=V \\ \dim(W \cap V_0)=1}} J(\mathbb{Z}, W \cap V_0) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\substack{W+V_0=V \\ \dim(W \cap V_0)=0}} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

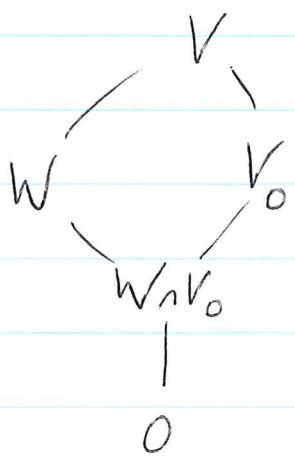
So let me consider the analogous infinite situation. I want to understand the map on homology

induced by the inclusion

$$\text{Aut}(V_0) \cong \begin{bmatrix} \text{id}_M & 0 \\ 0 & \text{Aut} V_0 \end{bmatrix} \subset \begin{bmatrix} \text{id}_M & \\ * & \text{Aut} V_0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Aut}(M \oplus V_0 / M)$$

So I will want to make the group $\begin{bmatrix} \text{id}_M & \\ * & \text{Aut} V_0 \end{bmatrix}$ act on a ~~poset~~ ~~poset~~ whose ~~poset~~ minimal elements are the subspaces W of V such that $W \oplus V_0 = V$. (I have changed notation from $0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow E \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ to $0 \rightarrow V_0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$).

Thus in the infinite situation let \mathcal{Y} be the poset consisting of subspaces W of V such that $W + V_0 = V$, ~~and~~ such that $W \cap V_0$ is of inf. ~~and~~ codim in V_0 , and such that $\dim(W \cap V_0) = 0$ or ∞ .



Define $W_1 < W_2$ if $W_1 \subset W_2$ and $\dim(W_2/W_1) = \infty$.

Put $G = \text{GL}(V/M)$ for the group of autos. of V inducing the identity on M . Does G act transitively on the simplices of \mathcal{Y} ?

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Let S be a groupoid with product functor $\perp: S \times S \rightarrow S$. Assume S has two iso. classes: O, N such that $O \perp N \cong N$, $N \perp N \cong N$. I want to consider the poset X consisting of isos.

$$\alpha: N \perp N \cong N$$

with $\alpha < \alpha'$ iff $\exists \gamma, \gamma' \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 N \perp N & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & N \\
 \downarrow \gamma' \perp \text{id} & & \\
 (N \perp N) \perp N & & \\
 \parallel & & \\
 N \perp (N \perp N) & & \\
 \downarrow \text{id} \perp \gamma & & \\
 N \perp N & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & N
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Assume γ, γ' uniquely determined essentially because \perp is faithful.

Better description. Consider the simplicial groupoid, which in degree p is S^{p+2}

$$S \times S \times S \times S \rightleftarrows S \times S \times S \rightleftarrows S \times S$$

There is an augmentation to S so I can form the

fibre simplicial set over an object N . Thus a p -simplex in X is a partitioning of N into $(p+1)$ -pieces:

$$M_0 \perp \dots \perp M_{p+1} \simeq N$$

~~Assume X is contractible.~~

Assume X is contractible. Does it follow that I get a stability thm ~~through~~:

$$e_* : H_*(\text{Aut } N) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_*(\text{Aut}(N)) ?$$

By letting $G = \text{Aut } N$ act on X I get a spectral sequence

$$E'_{pq} = H_q(G^{p+1}) \implies 0$$

Can I produce a relative spectral sequence?

$$\dots \longrightarrow C_1(X) \longrightarrow C_0(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

Let G' be the ~~image~~ image of $G \hookrightarrow G$ obtained from $N+N \xrightarrow{\alpha} N$ trivial action on the first factor. Let X' be the corresponding subcomplex of X ; it ~~is~~ consists of partitions of the second factor $\underbrace{N+N \xrightarrow{\alpha} N}$. Then I ~~get~~ get a map $(G', X') \longrightarrow (G, X)$.

Next I have to compute the relative terms.

$$X_0 = G/G'' \times G'$$

$$X'_0 = G'/(G')'' \times (G')' ?$$

Redo: Start with $N' \subset N$, specifically given by $N' \perp N'' = N$. Let $G' = \text{Aut}(N')$ be viewed as a subgroup of $G = \text{Aut}(N)$. We can also view $X(N')$ as a ~~complex~~ complex of $X(N)$. In effect given

$$N_0 \perp \dots \perp N_{p+1} = N'$$

we send it to the ~~partition~~ partition

$$N_0 \perp \dots \perp N_p \perp (N_{p+1} \perp N'') = N.$$

(This corresponds to the obvious map of the building of V' into the building of V when $V' \subset V$.)



Fix a p -simplex in $X(N')$,

$$N'_0 \perp \dots \perp N'_{p+1} = N'.$$



and let $G'_{(p+2)}$ denote its stabilizer. Then

$$G'/G'_{(p+2)} \xrightarrow{\sim} X(N')_p$$

The image of this simplex in $X(N)$ is $N_0 \perp \dots \perp N_{p+1} = N$ where $N'_0 = N_0, \dots, N'_p = N_p, N'_{p+1} = N'_{p+1} \perp N''$. Denote the stabilizer in G of this by $G_{(p+2)}$ so that

$$G/G_{(p+2)} \xrightarrow{\sim} X(N)_p$$

Then the inclusion $X(N')_p \subset X(N)_p$ correspond to the map $G'/G'_{(p+2)} \rightarrow G/G_{(p+1)}$ induced by the inclusions

$$G' \subset G$$

$$G'_{(p+2)} \subset G_{(p+2)}.$$

Now

$$G'_{(p+2)} = \text{Aut}(N'_0) \times \dots \times \text{Aut}(N'_{p+1})$$

$$G_{(p+2)} = \text{Aut}(N_0) \times \dots \times \text{Aut}(N'_{p+1} + N''_1)$$

and so we see that

$$(G_{(p+2)}, G'_{(p+2)}) \simeq G^{p+1} \times (G, G').$$

Therefore the relative spectral sequence should have the E^1 -term

$$E^1_{pq} = H_q(G^p \times (G, G')) \Rightarrow 0$$

If I know that $H_q(G, G') = 0$ for $q < r$, then

$$\begin{aligned} E^1_{pr} &= H_r(G^p \times (G, G')) = \bigoplus_{i+j=r} H_i(G^p) \otimes H_j(G, G') \\ &= H_0(G^p) \otimes H_r(G, G') = H_r(G, G') \end{aligned}$$

So you have to compute $d_1: E'_{1n} \rightarrow E'_{0n}$ and show that it's zero.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \cancel{G} \times G \times G & \xrightarrow[\text{id} \times \perp]{\perp \times \text{id}} & G \times G \xrightarrow{\perp} G \\
 \uparrow \text{id} \times \text{id} \times (\perp N) & & \uparrow \text{id} \times \perp N \quad \uparrow \perp N \\
 G \times G \times G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & G \times G \xrightarrow{\quad} G
 \end{array}$$

~~So you have to compute~~

This induces

$$G \times G \times (G, G') \xrightarrow[\text{id} \times \perp]{\perp \times \text{id}} G \times (G, G') \xrightarrow{\perp} (G, G')$$

and so what happens for H_n is that this is the same as for the subgadget

$$H_n(G, G') \xrightarrow[\perp N]{\text{id}} H_n(G, G') \xrightarrow{\perp N} H_n(G, G')$$

$(\perp N)$ is an idempotent operator, and we know it's surjective, hence it must be the identity. But then from:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_n(G') & \longrightarrow & H_n(G) & \longrightarrow & H_n(G, G') & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(G') \longrightarrow H_n(G) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \leftarrow \text{same} \\
 H_n(G') & \longrightarrow & H_n(G) & \longrightarrow & H_n(G, G') & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(G) \longrightarrow \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow \text{same} & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 H_n(G') & \longrightarrow & H_n(G) & \longrightarrow & H_n(G, G') & &
 \end{array}$$

we see $(\perp N)^2 = 0$ which concludes the proof.

I will now attempt to make the above stability proof geometric. Let ~~M~~ M be an associative monoid ^(without 1) of the homotopy type BG and let M' = pt \perp M be the associated monoid with 1. We can form the simplicial space

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$$\dots M \times (M')^2 \times M \rightrightarrows M \times M' \times M \rightrightarrows M \times M$$

which is obtained in the usual way by letting M' act on the left + right on M. By hypothesis on the contractibility of X the augmentation M x M -> M given by \perp gives a homotopy equivalence of (*) with M.

Let a be the basepoint of M. Right multiplication by a ~~M~~ furnishes an embedding of (*) into itself, so we can form the quotient

(**)

$$\dots M \times (M')^2 \times M/M_a \rightrightarrows M \times M' \times M/M_a \rightrightarrows M \times M/M_a$$

which will be hom. to M/M_a via the evident augmentation. So assume $\tilde{H}_*(M/M_a)$ begins in dim k. From the homology spectral sequence I ~~get~~ get an exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_r(M \times M' \times M/M_a) & \rightrightarrows & H_r(M \times M/M_a) & \rightarrow & H_r(M/M_a) \rightarrow 0 \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \nearrow \\
 H_r(M/M_a) & \xrightarrow[\alpha_*]{id} & H_r(M/M_a) & &
 \end{array}$$

so I can argue as before.

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~~Directly to a groupoid level product of
these two classes. Let \mathcal{N} be the groupoid of
countable infinite sets and bijections.~~

Notation: \mathcal{N} = the groupoid of countable infinite sets and bijections with \perp operation, $\mathcal{N}' = \{\emptyset\} \perp \mathcal{N}$. \mathcal{M} = a ^{connected} groupoid with products operation \perp which is associative + commutative, $\mathcal{M}' = \text{pt} \perp \mathcal{M}$ _{0}
I suppose I am given a functor

$$\theta : \mathcal{N}' \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$$

compatible with products such that $\theta(\mathcal{N}) \subset \mathcal{M}$.

Example: Take \mathcal{M} to be countable infinite sets ~~in~~ ~~with~~ morphisms defined to be isos. modulo finite sets.

I want to establish stability for \mathcal{M} .
Let $\blacksquare L$ be an object of \mathcal{M} . What is the unimodular complex in this situation?

I construct the following poset $X(L)$. An element is ~~an element~~ a "mono" $\theta(N) \rightarrow L$. More precisely

it is an isomorphism $\theta(N) \perp L'' \xrightarrow{\sim} L$ modulo isos. of L'' (I continue to assume \perp faithful).

$\alpha: \theta(N) \twoheadrightarrow L$ is $>$ $\beta: \theta(N) \twoheadrightarrow L$ iff \exists $\gamma: N \twoheadrightarrow N$ such that $\alpha \theta(\gamma) = \beta$. I guess

I have to assume θ faithful.

Put $G = \text{Aut}(L)$ $\Sigma = \text{Aut}(N)$. Then if

I fix a vertex $\theta(N) \perp L'' \xrightarrow{\sim} L$ and let $G'' = \text{Aut}(L'')$ viewed as a subgroup of L , G acts transitively on $(p-1)$ -simplices, so

$$\{(p-1)\text{-simplices}\} \underset{\cong}{=} G / \Sigma^p \times G''$$

$$\{\theta(N_0 \perp \dots \perp N_{p-1}) \twoheadrightarrow L\}.$$

But this is the fibre of $\mathcal{N}^p \times \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}$ over L . $(N_0, \dots, N_{p-1}, L_1) \mapsto \theta(N_0) \perp \dots \perp \theta(N_{p-1}) \perp L_1$

Hence contractibility of $X(L)$ tells us that the simplicial object with augmentation

$$\mathcal{N} \times (\mathcal{N}')^2 \times \mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}' \times \mathcal{M} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{M} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{M}$$

is \blacksquare contractible.

However using the fact that \mathcal{N} is acyclic we can compute the E^1 term of the spectral sequence

$$E_{pq}^1 = H_q(\mathcal{M}) \quad \text{for all } p.$$

Recall $d_i : \mathbb{N}(n')^p \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{N}(n')^{p-1} \times M$

$$d_i(N_0, N_1, \dots, N_p, L) \mapsto (N_0, \dots, N_i \parallel N_{i+1}, \dots, L)$$

so $d_i : E_{p,*}^1 \rightarrow E_{p-1,*}^1$ is identity if $0 \leq i \leq p-1$
is mult. by e if $i=p$

Thus the E^1 -term is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow & H_*(M) & \xrightarrow{e} & H_*(M) & \xrightarrow{id-e} & H_*(M) & \cdots \xrightarrow{e} & H_*(M) \\ & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ & E_{2,*}^1 & & E_{1,*}^1 & & E_{0,*}^1 & & \end{array}$$

Since e is idempotent it follows that the sequence is exact, so

$$E_{p,*}^2 = \begin{cases} 0 & p > 0 \\ e H_*(M) & p = 0 \end{cases}$$

So the spectral sequence collapses and we get ~~$H_*(M) \cong H_*(M)$~~

$$H_*(M) \xrightarrow{id-e} H_*(M) \xrightarrow{e} H_*(M) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Algebraically this implies e is the identity.

Notice the preceding calculation of the E^2 term is completely independent of what M is. M

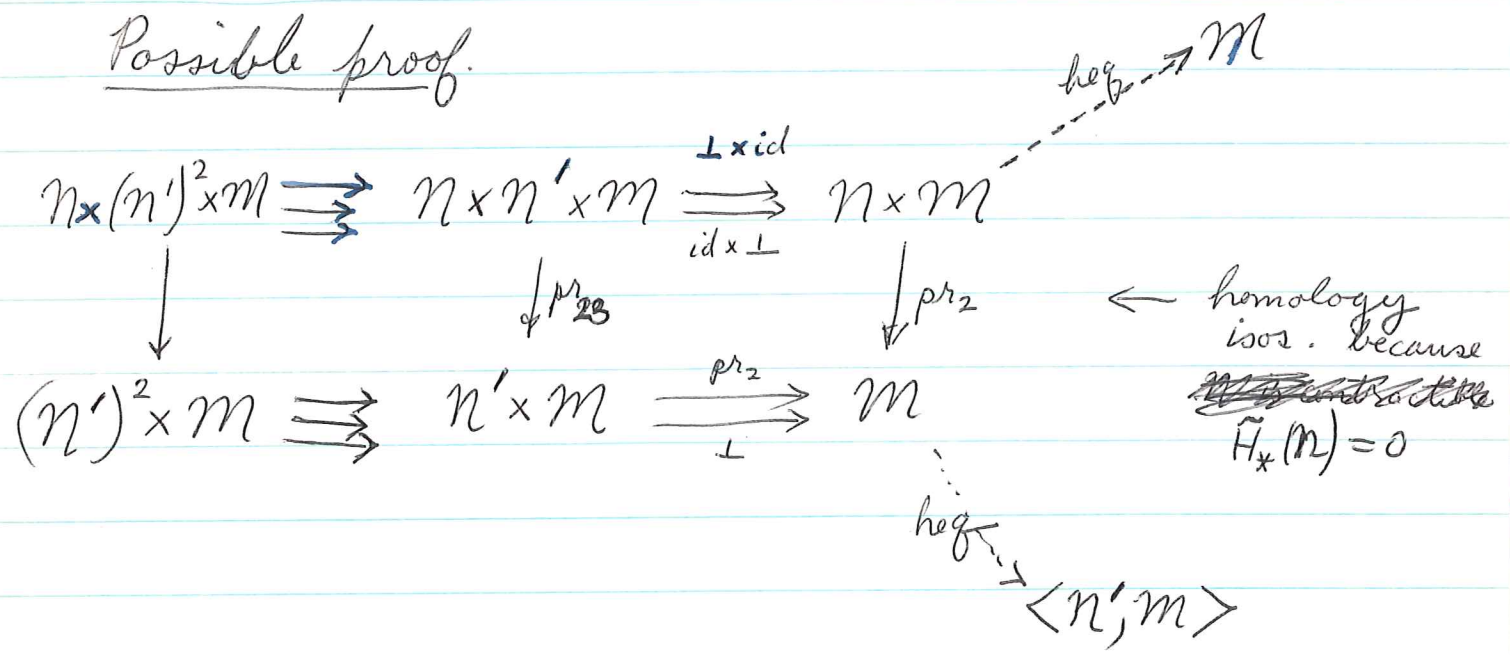
can be any space on which N acts. This leads to

Question: Is the simplicial space

(*) $\implies N \times N' \times M \implies N' \times M$ ~~is~~

~~is~~ of the same homology as $(N')^1 M$ for a geometric reason?

Possible proof.



But we know ~~that~~ by virtue of commutativity that on $\langle N', M \rangle$ the operation $M \mapsto M \perp \theta(N)$ is homotopic to the identity.

Next don't assume \mathcal{N} is acyclic, but instead suppose $\bar{R} = H_*(\mathcal{N})$ is a ring with identity whence

$$R = H_*(\mathcal{N}') \simeq k \times \bar{R}$$

Now the E^1 term for

$$(*) \quad \mathcal{N} \times (\mathcal{N}')^2 \times \mathcal{M} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}' \times \mathcal{M} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{M}$$

is

$$\bar{R} \otimes R \otimes R \otimes H_*(\mathcal{M}) \rightrightarrows \bar{R} \otimes R \otimes H_*(\mathcal{M}) \rightrightarrows \bar{R} \otimes H_*(\mathcal{M})$$

and I recognize this as a standard construction for computing Tor. So

$$E_{p*}^2 = \text{Tor}_p^R(\bar{R}, H_*(\mathcal{M})).$$

But $\bar{R} = eR$ is projective as an R -module, so

$$E_{p*}^2 = \begin{cases} 0 & p \neq 0 \\ eH_*(\mathcal{M}) & p = 0 \end{cases}$$

So homologically at least I see that (*) has the homology type of $\mathcal{N}^{-1}\mathcal{M}$.

Question again is whether the above argument can be made geometric. Possibility: Show that

the two maps from $(*)$ to itself given by $x \mapsto x \cdot e$ on M and $y \mapsto e \cdot y$ on N are homotopic. Then use the fact you have stability for N ~~_____~~.

Question: Can you relate the fact that

$$\begin{matrix} \rightrightarrows \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \rightrightarrows \end{matrix} M \times (M') \times M \rightrightarrows M \times M \dashrightarrow M$$

is a heq with the space

(2) $\begin{matrix} \rightrightarrows \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \rightrightarrows \end{matrix} M' \times M \rightrightarrows M$

(h-orbit of M' acting on M). Is the latter contractible?

(2) is essentially the category $\langle M', M \rangle$ which consists of objects of M with \rightarrow for morphisms. It is a monoid $\ni X \perp X \leftarrow X$, hence I know at least that its homology is zero. In the case of countable infinite sets I know the category is contractible.

Can I use (2) to prove stability. Again I get a spectral sequence

$$E'_{pq} = H_x(M' P_x(M, M_a)) \Rightarrow 0$$

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Consider the category \mathcal{C} consisting of all countable infinite sets N in which a map is either an injection $N \hookrightarrow N'$ with infinite complement, or an isomorphism. This is the category $\langle \mathcal{N}; \mathcal{N} \rangle$. It is contractible by the cone construction

$$N \hookrightarrow N \amalg N_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} N_0.$$

Consider also the simplicial groupoid which in degree p consists of an N in \mathcal{N} equipped with a filtration

~~$$0 \leq F_1 \leq F_2 \leq \dots \leq F_p \subset N$$~~

In degree 0 we get $0 \subset N$

In degree 1 we get $0 \leq F_1 \subset N$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{d_0} & 0 \leq N - F_1 \\ \xrightarrow{d_1} & 0 \leq N \end{array}$$

In degree 2 we get $0 \leq F_1 \leq F_2 \subset N$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{d_0} & 0 \leq F_2 - F_1 \leq N - F_1 \\ \xrightarrow{d_1} & 0 \leq F_2 \subset N \\ \xrightarrow{d_2} & 0 \leq F_1 \subset N \end{array}$$

~~$$(M')^2 \times M \begin{array}{c} \rightrightarrows \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \rightrightarrows \end{array} M' \times M \xrightarrow[d_1 = \perp]{d_0 = \text{pr}_2} M.$$~~

I have a functor from the simplicial cat. to $\langle \mathcal{M}; \mathcal{M} \rangle$ sending $(0 \leq F_1 \leq \dots \leq F_p \subset N)$ to N . The ^{over-}fibre over Y consists of $0 \leq F_1 \leq \dots \leq F_p \subset N \leq Y$?

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Let \mathcal{N} be the ~~category~~ groupoid of countable infinite sets and all isos. between them; let $\mathcal{N}' = \text{pt} \amalg \mathcal{N}$. Equip \mathcal{N}' with the operation of disjoint union.

Form $\langle \mathcal{N}', \mathcal{N} \rangle$. The objects are those of \mathcal{N} , a morphism $N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ is given by an isom. $N \amalg N_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} N_2$ modulo isos of $N \in \mathcal{N}'$. Thus a morphism in $\langle \mathcal{N}', \mathcal{N} \rangle$ is simply an injection whose complement is empty or infinite.

Claim $\langle \mathcal{N}', \mathcal{N} \rangle$ is contractible: Use the cone construction:

$$N \longrightarrow N \amalg N_0 \longleftarrow N_0$$

are maps in $\langle \mathcal{N}', \mathcal{N} \rangle$ and $N \mapsto N \amalg N_0$ is a functor.

Next consider the ~~category~~ simplicial groupoid which in degree p consists of p -simplices

$$N_0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow N_p$$

in $\langle \mathcal{N}', \mathcal{N} \rangle$ and their isomorphisms. The obvious augmentation to $\langle \mathcal{N}', \mathcal{N} \rangle$ is a homotopy equivalence; this

would be true for any category. Picture of this simplicial category

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{N} \times (\mathcal{N}')^2 & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\perp \times \text{id}} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \perp} \\ \xrightarrow{pr_{23}} \end{array} & \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}' & \xrightarrow[\text{pr}_1]{\perp} & \mathcal{N} \\
 (N_0, X_1, X_2) & & (N_0 \perp X_1) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\perp} \\ \xrightarrow{\perp} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} N_0 \perp X_1 \\ N_0 \end{array} \\
 \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \\
 (N_0 \rightarrow N_0 \perp X_1 \rightarrow N_0 \perp X_1 \perp X_2) & & N_0 \rightarrow N_0 \perp X_1 & &
 \end{array}$$

We get a functor from this simplicial cat to itself by adding on the left a fixed ~~object~~ object E of \mathcal{N} . It sends $N_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow N_p$ into $E \perp N_0 \rightarrow E \perp N_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E \perp N_p$. This gives us a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{N} \times (\mathcal{N}')^2 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}' & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathcal{N} \\
 \downarrow (E \perp) \times \text{id} & & \downarrow (E \perp) \times \text{id} & & \downarrow (E \perp) \\
 \mathcal{N} \times (\mathcal{N}')^2 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}' & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathcal{N}
 \end{array}$$

and hence a ~~relative~~ relative spectral sequence

$$\begin{aligned}
 E'_{pq} &= {}^{\text{Norm}} \wedge H_q(\mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}'^p, (E \perp \mathcal{N}) \times \mathcal{N}'^p) \Rightarrow 0 \\
 &= {}^{\text{Norm}} \wedge H_q((\mathcal{N}, E \perp \mathcal{N}) \times \mathcal{N}'^p) = H_q((\mathcal{N}, E \perp \mathcal{N}) \times \mathcal{N}'^p)
 \end{aligned}$$

So now ~~suppose~~ suppose $H_g(\mathcal{N}, E \perp \mathcal{N}) = 0$ for $g < k$.

whence $E_{pq}^1 = 0$ $q < r$ and we have

$$E_{pr}^1 = H_n(N, E \perp N)$$

Now
$$d_i : N \times (N^{\square})^p \longrightarrow N \times (N^{\square})^{p-1}$$

$$(N, x_1, \dots, x_p) \mapsto \begin{cases} N \perp x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p & i=0 \\ N, x_1, \dots, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_p & 1 \leq i \leq p \\ N, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1} & i=p \end{cases}$$

Because the iso $H_n((N, E \perp N) \times N^p) = H_n(N, E \perp N)$ is induced by a basepoint $pt \rightarrow N^p, \cdot \mapsto E \perp \perp E$ it follows that d_i on E_{pr}^1 is the identity for $1 \leq i \leq p$ and \square for $i=0$ the map \square induced by $N \mapsto N \perp E$. Denote this by $\cdot e$. So the E_{*n}^1 -term looks:

$$H_n(N, E \perp N) \xrightarrow{\cdot e} H_n(N, E \perp N) \xrightarrow{\cdot e - id} H_n(N, E \perp N)$$

$\underset{p=2}{\quad} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underset{p=1}{\quad} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underset{p=0}{\quad}$

so $\cdot e$ is a projection on $H_n(N, E \perp N)$ and $\cdot e - id$ is onto so $\cdot e = 0$. So we get nothing at all this way.

Let's try to understand H_1 ; try to show $\pi_1(\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{M}_a) = 0$ geometrically. Hence we want to show that any covering of \mathcal{M} which is trivial over \mathcal{M}_a is trivial. So let F be a covering, i.e. a functor from \mathcal{M} to sets. I am assuming that if $N = N' \amalg N''$ with N', N'' infinite, then $\text{Aut}(N')$ acts trivially on $F(N)$. It follows that $\text{Aut}(N'')$ acts trivially also.

Now also I know that

$$\dots \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}' \times \mathcal{M} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}$$

is key to \mathcal{M} . This means that to give a covering of \mathcal{M} is the same as giving a covering of $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}$ equipped with descent data. Specifically this means that if I give a functor F on pairs N', N'' together with isos.

$$F'(N' \amalg X, N'') \simeq F'(N', X \amalg N'')$$

satisfying some sort of transitivity, then $F'(N', N'')$ depends only on $N' \amalg N''$. Therefore it should follow that because $F(N)$ is acted on trivially by $\text{Aut}(N') \times \text{Aut}(N'')$, it is a trivial $\text{Aut}(N)$ -set.

Specifically the argument goes as follows. To show $g \in \text{Aut}(N)$ acts trivially on $F(N)$: This depends only on the splitting $gN' \amalg gN'' = N$ which is a vertex x

in the contractible complex $X(N)$. So we choose a path $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = x$ in the complex and put $x_i = g_1 \dots g_i x_0$. So it is enough to worry about a g which gives rise to ~~a~~ a one-simplex in $X(N)$.

$$N = \underbrace{N_1 \amalg N_2}_{3} \amalg N_3$$

$$N = N_1 \amalg N_2 \amalg N_3$$

But I can ~~choose~~ choose this isom. ~~to be~~ to be the identity on an infinite subset of N_1 .

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Fix A in M . Assuming M is associative one has that the maps $\lambda_A(M) = A \perp M$, $\rho_A(M) = M \perp A$ commute, hence λ_A induces a map

$$\bar{\lambda}_A: M/M \perp A \longrightarrow M/M \perp A$$

where $M/M \perp A$ denotes the cone of ρ_A . I want to show that $\bar{\lambda}_A$ is null-homotopic using the commutativity isomorphism. ~~Does it work?~~

Recall properties of the cone. Given $f: X \rightarrow Y$ one puts $\text{Cone}(f) = \text{Cyl}(f)/X \times 0$ where $\text{Cyl}(f) = X \times [0,1] \overset{f}{\cup}_{X \times 1} Y$. Given

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{g'} & X' \\ f \downarrow & \searrow h & \downarrow f' \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Y' \end{array}$$

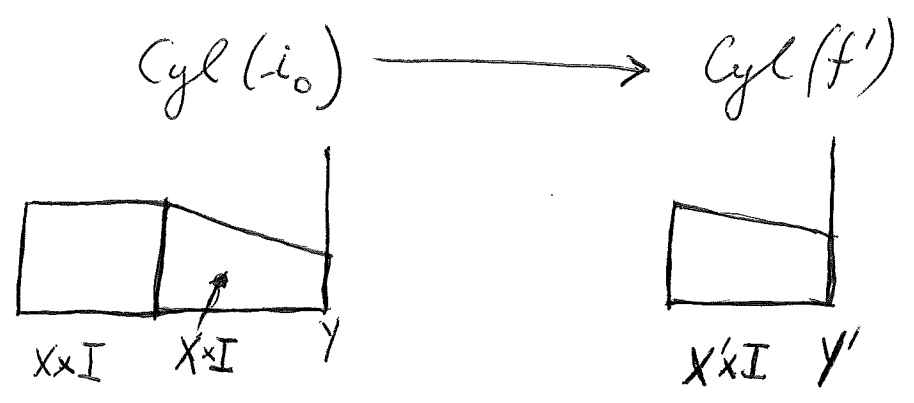
h a homotopy $gf \leftarrow f'g'$

one constructs a map $\text{Cyl}(f) \rightarrow \text{Cyl}(f')$ as follows. First one forms the comm. square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{g'} & X' \\ \downarrow \lambda_0 & & \downarrow f' \\ \text{Cyl}(f) & \xrightarrow{h+g} & Y' \\ X \square Y & \xrightarrow{h+g} & Y' \end{array}$$

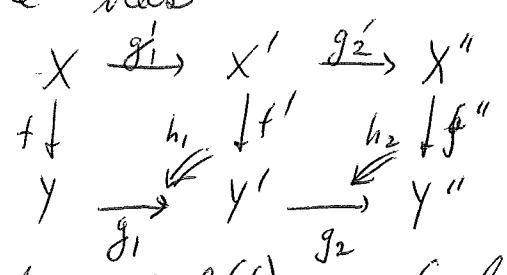
$$h+g: \begin{cases} y \longmapsto \\ (x,t) \longmapsto h_t(x) \\ h_0(x) = f'g' \\ h_1(x) = gf \end{cases}$$

Then one takes cylinders



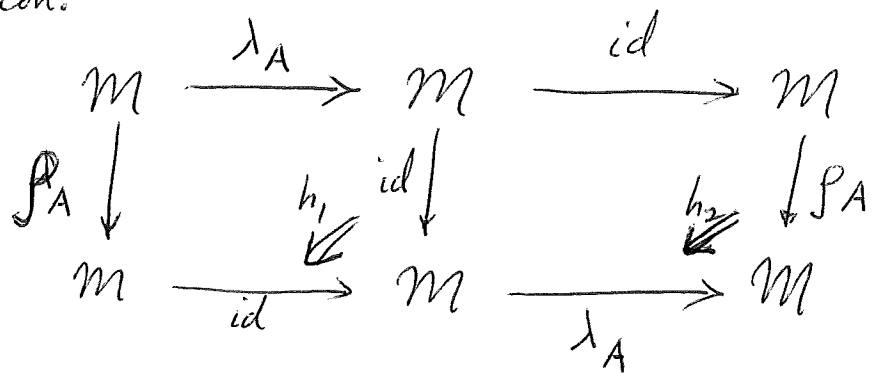
and identifies ~~Cyl~~ $\text{Cyl}(i_0)$ with $\text{Cyl}(f)$.

If one has



then the map $\text{Cyl}(f) \xrightarrow{g_1} \text{Cyl}(f') \xrightarrow{g_2} \text{Cyl}(f'')$ is homotopic to the map $\text{Cyl}(f) \xrightarrow{g_2 \circ g_1} \text{Cyl}(f'')$ associated to $g_2 \circ g_1 \circ f \Rightarrow f'' \circ g_2' \circ g_1'$

I want to apply this to the following situation:



Here h_1 is the homotopy from λ_A to ρ_A furnished by the

Commutativity isom. $\theta: A \perp X \xrightarrow{\sim} X \perp A$. h_2 is furnished by the inverse of θ . What is the composition homotopy from ~~$\rho_A \circ \text{id} \circ \lambda_A$~~ to $\lambda_A \circ \text{id} \circ \rho_A$.

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_A \text{ id } \lambda_A)(X) &= (A \perp X) \perp A \\ \simeq (\lambda_A \text{ id } \rho_A)(X) &\stackrel{=}{=} A \perp (A \perp X) && \text{(by } h_2)_A \\ \simeq (\lambda_A \text{ id } \rho_A)(X) &\stackrel{=}{=} A \perp (X \perp A) && \text{by } \lambda_A h_2 \end{aligned}$$

~~However the coherence axiom for commutativity says that~~

~~$$(A \perp X) \perp B \simeq (A \perp (X \perp B)) \simeq (X \perp B) \perp A \simeq (X \perp (A \perp B)) \simeq (X \perp A) \perp B \simeq (X \perp A) \perp B$$~~

~~$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \perp X \perp B & \xrightarrow{\sim} & X \perp A \perp B \\ \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim \\ X \perp B \perp A & & \end{array}$$~~

~~commutes. The isomorphism I'm after is the special case when $B = A$ of~~

~~$$A \perp X \perp B \simeq B \perp (A \perp X) \simeq B \perp (X \perp A)$$~~

Unfortunately this automorphism of $A \perp X \perp A$ is not the identity:

$$(a, x, a') \mapsto (a', x, a)$$

This argument does show that $(\tau_A)^2$ is null-homotopic, because let γ be the endo map of $\text{Cone } \rho_A$ that we have defined above using the comm. isom. Then it's clear that γ^2 is the same as $(\tau_A)^2$ because the ~~problem~~ problem with the commutativity isomorphism is of order 2.

On the other hand, γ is null-homotopic because γ factors thru $\text{Cone}(\text{id}_m)$.

Since $A^2 \cong A$ one sees that τ_A is idempotent $\tau_A^2 = \tau_A$ hence null-homotopic.

Program: I want to give a geometric proof that $M/M \oplus A$ is contractible; the point is not to use spectral sequences but instead to see what spaces actually occur.

Return to the ~~space~~ space

$$\rightrightarrows M \times M' \times M \rightrightarrows M \times M \dashrightarrow M$$

and form the cone on the map f_A :

$$(m \times (m')^2) \wedge (m/ma) \rightrightarrows (m \times m') \wedge (m/ma) \rightrightarrows m \wedge (m/ma)$$

~~This space~~ This space ~~has~~ has an augmentation to m/ma which is a h_{eq} . Introduce the skeleta of the realization. Let Y be the realization of the above simplicial space and let $F_p Y$ be its skeleta. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_p Y / F_{p-1} Y &= Y_p / Y_p^{deg} \wedge \Delta(p) / \partial \Delta(p) \\ &= (M^{p+1} \cup pt) \wedge (m/ma) \wedge S^p \end{aligned}$$

Assume I know that $H_*(m/ma)$ begins in degree r ; then $H_*(F_p Y / F_{p-1} Y)$ begins in degree $p+r$. Hence

$$H_r(F_0 Y) \rightarrow H_r(F_1 Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_r(F_2 Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \dots \rightarrow H_r(Y)$$

But $F_0 Y = \text{[scribble]} (m \cup pt) \wedge (m/ma)$ and M is connected, so $H_r(m/ma) = H_r(F_0 Y)$. So

$$H_r(m/ma) \rightarrow H_r(Y) = H_r(m/ma)$$

But on the other hand I know this map is zero. $\therefore H_*(m/ma)$ begins in degree $r+1$. etc.

I have a similarity in the preceding with Čech cohomology in sheaf theory. I should go over the latter.

So let X be a space. Given a presheaf F and a covering \mathcal{U} of X I get a complex

$$C^*(\mathcal{U}, F)$$

whose homology groups one denotes $H^*(\mathcal{U}, F)$. Then

$$H^*(X, F) = \varinjlim_{\mathcal{U}} H^*(\mathcal{U}, F).$$

is the Čech cohomology. ~~to work with the ...~~

What is the nature of $C^*(\mathcal{U}, F)$? A presheaf is a functor on the category of open sets. Associate to \mathcal{U} the \mathbb{R} -crible, consisting of \mathbb{R} -open sets contained in members of \mathcal{U} . I claim that

$$H^*(\mathcal{U}, F) = R^* \varprojlim_{\mathbb{R}} (F).$$

I have to check the effaceability. To put it another way, I can show that if $\{U_i \mid i \in I\}$ is a family of object covering \mathbb{R} such that all fibre

products exist: $U_{i_1} \times \dots \times U_{i_p}$, then the nerve:

$$\dots \rightrightarrows \coprod_{i_0, i_1 \in I} U_{i_0} \times U_{i_1} \rightrightarrows \coprod_{i \in I} U_i$$

is acyclic. This is clear.

So I see that $H^*(\mathcal{U}, F)$ ~~is~~ just the cohomology of the presheaf F pulled back to the subcat. $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U})$ of $\text{Open}(X)$.

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U}) \hookrightarrow \text{Open}(X)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U})^\wedge \xrightarrow{i_!} \text{Open}(X)^\wedge$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i_! F)(V) &= \lim_{\substack{U \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U}) \\ V \subset U}} F(U) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & V \notin \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U}) \\ F(V) & V \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U}) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since $i_!$ is exact, it follows that i^* preserves injectives:

Lemma: If F is an injective presheaf, then F restricted to any crible \mathcal{R} is also injective.

Alternative approach to stability. Let me consider the analogue of the unimodular complex. Fix N in \mathcal{N} and consider the set of all embeddings $u: N \hookrightarrow N$ with infinite complement. Make these into a simplicial complex by calling (u_0, \dots, u_p) a simplex if $u_0 N \perp \dots \perp u_p N$ embeds in N with infinite complement. ~~Then the complex is contractible.~~ If the unimodular complex is contractible, then I get an acyclic complex

$$\dots \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{(u_0, u_1)} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{u_0} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

(this is not the complex of chains on the simplicial complex, but it should still be acyclic). This complex should furnish a spectral sequence

$$E'_{pq} = H_q(G)$$

with each d_i multiplication by a . Thus

$$d_i = \begin{cases} \text{mult by } a & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } p \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then I can use induction: If $H_q(G) = 0$, $1 \leq q \leq n$ then $E^2_{0,n} = \text{Coker} \{ H_n(G) \xrightarrow{a} H_n(G) \} = 0$, so a is onto.

Also $E_{1,n}^2 = \text{Ker} [H_n(G) \rightarrow H_n(G)]$ is zero, so a is injective.

Suppose we try to prove contractibility of the unimodular complex by a variant of Kervaire-Lusztig. Let F be a ~~sub~~ finite subcomplex. I want to regard a simplex in the unimodular complex as ~~giving~~ giving me a partition of N into infinite pieces. ~~Take~~ Take all the partitions of N associated to the simplices of F and form their infimums, i.e. the finite non-empty intersections. Now throw away the finite sets in this partition. Then one gets $N = A_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup A_m \sqcup (\text{finite set})$ such that for any simplex σ each A_i is a subset of one of the blocks of σ .

~~Next let F_i be the subcomplex of $X(N)$ consisting of simplices independent of A_i . Choose $v_i \in X(N - A_i)$ if A_i is chosen.~~

Let F_i be the subcomplex of $X(N)$ consisting of simplices $\alpha: N^p \hookrightarrow N$ such that A_i is in the complement of this embedding. Choose $v_i: N \hookrightarrow A_i$ with inf. complement for each $i=1, \dots, m$. Then ~~the~~ the vertex v_i can be ~~joined~~ joined to F_i . Furthermore the simplex $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ can be joined to

$F_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap F_{i_p}$ for $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq m$. It follows (I think) that $\bigcup_{i=1}^m F_i$ can be contracted to a point in $X(N)$.

Furthermore, I claim $F \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m F_i$. In effect given $u: \mathbb{N}^p \hookrightarrow N$, we know each A_i is contained in $\text{Im } u$ or in the complement of u , and not all A_i are contained in $\text{Im } u$ as $N - \cup A_i$ is finite. Hence $u \in F_i$ for some i .

Thus it is clear that the unimodular complex is contractible, and so we again get a stability result.

Let S be a set. Form the complex

$$\rightarrow \coprod_{(s_0, s_1, s_2)} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \coprod_{(s_0, s_1)} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \coprod_{s_0} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

where the sum is taken over the sequences (s_0, \dots, s_k) of distinct elements of S . What is the homology of this complex? Let's use the Kervaire-Lusztig argument. Let F_s be the subcomplex formed using the set $S - \{s\}$. We try to show that any cycle z with support in $F_1 \cup \dots \cup F_p$ is homologous to one in $F_1 \cup \dots \cup F_{p-1}$. For example let z have support in F_1 . Here $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Then ~~let~~ let T_1 be the cone operator

$$T_1(s_0, \dots, s_m) = (1, s_0, \dots, s_m)$$

so that $dT_1 + T_1 d = id$. More precisely

$$T_1: F_1 \rightarrow C \quad \text{and}$$

$$dT_1(s_0, \dots, s_m) = (s_0, \dots, s_m) - \sum (-1)^i (1, s_0, \dots, \hat{s}_i, \dots, s_m)$$

$$\therefore dT_1 + T_1 d = \text{inclusion } F_1 \hookrightarrow C.$$

So if z is a cycle in F_1 , then $dT_1 z = z$, so z is homologous to zero.

Let z be a cycle in $F_1 + \dots + F_p$ and write

$$z = u + v$$

~~with~~ with $u \in F_1 + \dots + F_{p-1}$ and v in F_p .

Then $du = dv \in (F_1 + \dots + F_{p-1}) \cap F_p$. Consider

$$d(T_p v) + T_p(dv) = v$$

$$\text{Then } z = u + v = u + T_p(dv) + d(T_p v)$$

$$\sim u + T_p(dv)$$

so all that remains is to show $T_p(dv) \in F_1 + \dots + F_{p-1}$, i.e. that $T_p((F_1 + \dots + F_{p-1}) \cap F_p) \subset F_1 + \dots + F_{p-1}$.

let $(s_0, \dots, s_k) \in F_i \cap F_p$. Then $T_p(s_0, \dots, s_k) = (p, s_0, \dots, s_k)$ still belongs to F_i . Thus everything works, and we have proved:

Prop: The complex

$$\rightarrow \bigoplus_{(s_1, \dots, s_g)} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{(s_1, s_2)} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{s_0} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

where (s_1, \dots, s_g) runs over sequences of distinct elements of S . This complex is acyclic except in dimension $n = \text{card}(S)$.

Consider the following poset \mathcal{J} attached to a set S . The elements of \mathcal{J} are finite sequences (s_1, \dots, s_g) $g \geq 1$ of distinct elements of S . In other words embeddings $u: \{1, \dots, g\} \hookrightarrow S$. We have $(s_1, \dots, s_g) \leq (t_1, \dots, t_p)$ iff $\exists 1 \leq l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_g \leq p$ such that $s_j = t_{l_j}$, $1 \leq j \leq g$. In other words $s: \{1, \dots, g\} \hookrightarrow S$ is $\leq t: \{1, \dots, p\} \hookrightarrow S$ iff there exists a monotone ^{inj.} map $i: \{1, \dots, g\} \hookrightarrow \{1, \dots, p\}$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{1, \dots, g\} & \xrightarrow{i} & \{1, \dots, p\} \\ & \searrow s & \swarrow t \\ & S & \end{array}$$

commutes. Note that i is unique if it exists.

Next note that for any element σ of \mathcal{J} the poset $\{\tau \mid \tau \leq \sigma\}$ is isomorphic to the set of proper subsets of $\{1, \dots, g\}$ if $g = \text{size of } \sigma$. Thus

it should be ~~so~~ ^{so} that the complex in the proposition is the Lurtyig sequence associated to the ~~poset~~ poset \mathcal{T} , hence \mathcal{T} should be spherical.

(But now recall what you were doing about stability for the symmetric groups. I formed a category \mathcal{C} of pairs (S_1, S_2) of finite sets of same card such that a map $(S_1', S_2') \rightarrow (S_1, S_2)$ consists of a pair of injections + an isomorphism between the complements. Now you wanted to see what the relative terms were if you filtered by size.

Thus fix (S, S) and you want to calculate $\mathcal{C}/(S, S)$, which can be identified with the poset ~~consisting~~ consisting of a pairs of splittings

$$S = S_1' \amalg S_1''$$

$$S = S_1'' \amalg S_2''$$

together with an isomorphism $S_1'' \cong S_2''$. Also we want $S_2'' \cong S_1'' \neq \emptyset$. Thus ~~this~~ this poset is not the same as \mathcal{T} above.)

~~Do not use the implications complex for a poset of splittings (as it has been killed), this~~

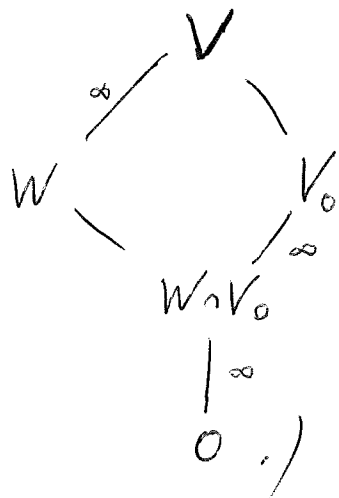
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Let V be a vector space over k of dim. V_0 . Let $X(V)$ be the poset ~~consisting of~~ consisting of subspaces of inf. dim and codim, in which $W_1 < W_2$ iff $W_1 \subset W_2$ and W_2/W_1 has inf. dim. I have seen that $X(V)$ is contractible. $X(V)$ gives a spectral sequence ~~abutting~~ abutting to 0 with E^1 -term

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_*(\square) \rightarrow H_*(\square) \rightarrow H_*(\square)$$

Let V_0 be an elt of $X(V)$ and let $Y(V, V_0)$ denote the subposet of $X(V)$ consisting of subspaces W such that $W + V_0 = V$ and $W \cap V_0 \in X(V_0)$.

(Thus



I let $\text{Aut}(V \text{ over } V_0) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \text{id}_{V/V_0} & \\ \hline * & \text{Aut}(V_0) \end{array} \right)$ act on

$Y(V, V_0)$ and I get a spectral ^{seq.} abutting to zero with E^1 term:

$$H_* \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & & & \\ \hline * & * & * & * \\ \hline & & * & * \\ \hline & & & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow H_* \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & & \\ \hline * & * & * \\ \hline & & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow H_* \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline * & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

suppose I try ^{now} to ~~show that~~ understand H_1 .

$$H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline * & 0 \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \oplus H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & * \\ \hline 0 & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$$H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline * & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & * & 0 \\ \hline * & * & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \oplus H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & & \\ \hline 0 & 1 & * \\ \hline & & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

Now stably I should know that

$$H_g \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline * & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow H_g \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline * & * & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

is the zero map, because I have ∞ sums. Thus I find that

$$H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline * & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & 1 & * \\ \hline & & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

is onto giving me $H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = H_* \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline * & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$ as well as

$$H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$\therefore H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 0 \ x \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$ implying $H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = H_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline * & * \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = 0$.

Therefore it seems that I get ~~the~~ ^{the Kuiper} ~~stability~~ theorem at least over a field.

Go back to stability for Σ_n . I have seen that the map

$$H_*(\Sigma_n, \Sigma_{n-1}^+ a) \xrightarrow{a} H_*(\Sigma_{n+1}, \Sigma_n^+ a)$$

when iterated has square zero. ~~the~~ Hypothesis: The image of the preceding map ~~is~~ is killed by 2. Thus if we invert 2 this map is zero. Let's see if I can establish linear stability with this hyp. ~~the~~ **No**

so I will use the complex

$$0 \rightarrow T_n \rightarrow \bigoplus_{(S_{p-1}, S_n)} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{S_1} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

in which Σ_n acts, and the corresponding one for Σ_{n+1} .

$$\text{junk} \rightarrow \text{junk} \rightarrow H_*(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_0^a) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow H_*^*(\Sigma_n, \Sigma_{n-1}^a) \rightarrow H_*^*(\Sigma_{n+1}, \Sigma_n^a)$$

~~Answer~~ To get $E_{0,n}^2 = H_n(\Sigma_{n+1}, \Sigma_n^a) = 0$ we need to know $H_{n-1}(\Sigma_{n-1}, \Sigma_{n-2}^a) = 0$. Doesn't work

Let A be a ring let M be an A -module. The ~~poset~~ poset of frames of M , denoted $Fr(M)$ consists of unimodular sequences (u_1, \dots, u_p) in M with the inclusion ordering. I assume that A is such that

Let's axiomatize the arguments a little.

If A is a ring let $F(A)$ be the poset consisting of sequences $(a_1, \dots, a_p)_{p \geq 1}$ in A such that there exists an element a_{p+1} such that

$$A^{p+1} \xrightarrow{\sim} A, \quad (x_1, \dots, x_{p+1}) \mapsto \sum x_i a_i$$

Assume $F(A)$ is contractible. Then it gives ~~me~~ a Lustzig sequence ~~sequence~~

$$\longrightarrow \bigoplus_{(a_1, a_2)} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{a_1} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

and hence a spectral sequence abutting to 0 with

$$E'_{pq} = \begin{cases} H_g \left(\frac{1}{G} \right) & p > 0 \\ H_g(G) & p = 0. \end{cases}$$

If $H_x \left(\frac{1}{G} \right) = H_x(G)$, then d_1 becomes 0 in even degrees, mult. by a in odd degrees, so we get

stability easily.

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Let S be a finite set of card n . Let $\mathcal{Y}_2(S)$ be the simplicial complex whose p -simplices are $\{v_0, \dots, v_p\}$, where v_i is a card 2 subset of S and v_0, \dots, v_p are disjoint. Then $\dim \mathcal{Y}_2(S) = \binom{n}{2} - 1$. I would like to show that $\mathcal{Y}_2(S)$ has the homotopy type of a bouquet of spheres of dimension $\binom{n}{2} - 1$.

Fix $s_0 \in S$ and let $S' = S - \{s_0\}$. One obtains $\mathcal{Y}_2(S')$ from $\mathcal{Y}_2(S)$ by removing simplices containing a vertex v with $v = \{s, s_0\}$, $s \in S'$. Thus

$$\mathcal{Y}_2(S) = \bigcup_{s \in S'} \mathcal{Y}_2(S') \cup \text{Cone Link } \{s, s_0\}$$

Moreover $\text{Link } \{s, s_0\} = \mathcal{Y}_2(S' - \{s\})$. Now if n is odd, $\mathcal{Y}_2(S')$ is a bouquet of $m-1$ spheres, and $\mathcal{Y}_2(S' - \{s\})$ is a bouquet of $(m-2)$ -spheres. Thus $\mathcal{Y}_2(S)$ will be a bouquet of $m-1 = \binom{n}{2} - 1$ spheres. The critical case then is when $n = \text{card } S$ is even $= 2m$.

Suppose $n = 2m$. We know $\mathcal{Y}_2(S')$ is a bouquet of $(m-2)$ -spheres and also the same is true for $\mathcal{Y}_2(S' - \{s\})$. We

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \bigoplus_{\substack{s \in S - \{s_0\} \\ t \in S - \{s_0, t\}}} \tilde{H}_{m-2}(Y_2(S - \{s_0, s, t\})) & & \\
 \downarrow \text{dotted arrow} & \nearrow & \searrow \\
 H_{m-1}(Y_2(S)) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{s \in S - s_0} \tilde{H}_{m-2}(Y_2(S - \{s_0, s\}))
 \end{array}$$

Let's guess that ~~the~~ the dotted arrow arises by means of the map

$$\sum Y_2(S - \{s_0, s, t\}) \longrightarrow Y(S)$$

one obtains from the contractions using the vertices $\{s_0, s\}$ and $\{s, t\}$.

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This just doesn't work. If $\text{card}(S) = 4$, then the simplicial complex $Y_2(S)$ is a disjoint union of 1-simplices, hence it is not connected.

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Recall Segal's funny idea about group-completion. He takes a free monoid M and constructs $M[a^{-1}]$. Actually it is enough to construct $Ma^{-\infty}M$ for this has the correct homology and probably the correct fundamental group.

~~Ma^{-1}M~~

First step: analyze $Ma^{-1}M$. We have cocart. square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{~~Ma^{-1}M~~} & & \\ (Ma \times M) \cup (M \times aM) & \subset & M \times M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \subset & Ma^{-1}M \end{array}$$

Now let's find a category having the homotopy type of $Ma^{-1}M$.

Recall that if G is a group with subgroups G_1, G_2 we know how to interpret the space

$$BG_1 \cup^{B(G_1 \cap G_2)} BG_2$$

as a category, namely, ~~as~~ as the fibred category over G with fibre the poset of ~~left~~ cosets for the family G_1, G_2 of G .

So it seems that the category I seek consists of finite sets E with autos, and pairs (E, F) with

autos. A morphism $E \rightarrow (F_1, F_2)$ should consist of a reduction of (F_1, F_2) to $(M \times M) \cup (M \times aM)$ (which means we fix an element of F_1 , or F_2 or both) and an isomorphism of E with $F_1 \amalg F_2$ minus this element. This won't work very simply.

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Form the category \mathcal{C} consisting of triples (E, k, F) where E, F are (say sets) and k is an integer. A map $(E, k, F) \leftarrow (E', k', F')$ consists of a pair of isos.

$$E \simeq E' \oplus A^\mu$$

$$F \simeq A^\nu \oplus F'$$

such that $\mu + k' + \nu = k$. Think of (E, k, F) as $E \oplus A^{-k} \oplus F$; $E' \oplus A^{-k'} \oplus F' = E' \oplus A^\mu \oplus A^{-\mu-k'-\nu} \oplus A^\nu \oplus F' = E \oplus A^{-k} \oplus F$.
What is the homotopy type of \mathcal{C} .

$$\{(E, k)\} \times \{(l, F)\} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

$$(E, k), (l, F) \longmapsto (E, k+l, F)$$

Here (E, k) denotes the fibred category over the ordered set \mathbb{Z} associated to the functor

$$k' \leq k \implies (E \mapsto E \oplus A^{k-k'})$$

$\{(l, F)\}$ is similarly defined. Call this functor f . $(E, m, F) \xrightarrow{f}$ consists of $((E', k'), (l', F'))$ plus isos.

$$\begin{aligned} E \oplus A^\nu &\xrightarrow{\sim} E' & \nu + m + \mu &= k' + l' \\ F \oplus A^\mu &\xrightarrow{\sim} F' \end{aligned}$$

Thus I should be able to identify $(E, m, F) \xrightarrow{f}$ with ~~pair~~ (ν, μ, k', l') such that $\nu + m + \mu = k' + l'$, with $(\nu_1, \mu_1, k'_1, l'_1) \leq (\nu_2, \mu_2, k'_2, l'_2)$

meaning $\begin{aligned} \nu_2 - \nu_1 &= k'_2 - k'_1 \geq 0 \\ \mu_2 - \mu_1 &= l'_2 - l'_1 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$ doesn't work.

Conjecture: \mathcal{C} heq to $\{(E, k)\} \times \{(l, F)\}$.

Assume this for now. Inside of \mathcal{C} we have the full subcategory $\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$ consisting of (E, k, F) with $k \leq 0$.

~~object~~ To (E, k, F) in $\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$ we can associate the object $E \oplus A^{-k} \oplus F$

of \mathcal{M} . Moreover ~~$(E, k, F) \rightarrow (E', k', F')$~~ to the arrow $(E', k', F') \rightarrow (E, k, F)$ in $\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} E' \oplus A^\mu &\simeq E & \mu + k' + \nu &= k \\ A^\nu \oplus F' &\simeq F \end{aligned}$$

I can associate the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} E' \oplus A^{-k'} \oplus F' &= E' \oplus A^\mu \oplus A^{-\mu-k'-\nu} \oplus A^\nu \oplus F' \\ &\simeq E \oplus A^{-k} \oplus F \end{aligned}$$

Thus I have a functor from $C_{\leq 0}$ to \mathcal{M} which carries arrows into isomorphisms.

Question: Fix an object M of \mathcal{M} and look at $C_{\leq 0}/M$. What is this?

Objects of $C_{\leq 0}/M$ can be identified with decompositions of M :

$$M = E \oplus A^p \oplus F$$

a morphism $(M = E' \oplus A^{p'} \oplus F') \rightarrow (M = E \oplus A^p \oplus F)$ consists of $E' \oplus A^\mu = E$, $\cancel{A^\nu \oplus F'} \simeq F$, $\mu + (-p') + \nu = -p$ or $\mu + p + \nu = p'$. What this gadget is is clear - it is a poset of layers in M such that the layer has some sort of additional structure, i.e. reduction to a ordered free module.

Note that if $E, F \in \text{the empty point category}$, then C is $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ acting on \mathbb{Z} which is not homotopy equivalent to \mathbb{N} acting on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}$ acting on \mathbb{Z}

so the conjecture is wrong. However we have a functor

$$\mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \langle \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z} \rangle$$

$$(E, R, F) \longmapsto R$$

with fibres $m \times m$

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Let M be a free simplicial monoid, ~~consider~~
and let G be the associated simplicial group. I
want to construct a category realizing G .

Look at $M \cdot (M)^{-1} \subset G$. We have a canonical
reduced ~~words~~ word description of the elements of G .
Elements of M are written $m = s_1 \cdots s_k$, $s_i \in S$ the generating
set for M . If

$$m(m')^{-1} = s_1 \cdots s_k s_{k+1}^{-1} \cdots s_n^{-1}$$

can be reduced there has to be ~~some~~ cancellation. So
if we form the nerve ~~of~~

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (M \times M) \times \Delta M &\Rightarrow M \times M \\ \Rightarrow & \end{aligned}$$

of the category defined by ΔM acting by right
multiplication on $M \times M$, then this nerve ought to be
eq to $M \cdot M^{-1}$.

Next look at $M \cdot (M)^{-1} \cdot M$. I start with
 $M \times^M M^{-1} \times^M M$ which suffices to describe
what's happening with reduced words of the
form $s_1 \cdots s_l s_{l+1}^{-1} \cdots s_m^{-1} s_{m+1} \cdots s_n$ with $l < m$. Then
I have to work in what happens when $l = m$.

~~We~~ We have a functor

$$M \times M \longrightarrow M \times^M M^{-1} \times^M M$$

sending $(m, m') \mapsto (m, e, m')$ and we also have the product functor $M \times M \rightarrow M$. So the conjecture is that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times M & \longrightarrow & M \times M^{-1} \times M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \longrightarrow & M \cdot M^{-1} \cdot M \end{array}$$

is homotopy-co-cartesian.

Take $M = \mathbb{N}$.



$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ modulo $\begin{matrix} \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \\ \varphi \quad \varphi \\ x, y \end{matrix}$ acting by

$$(x, y) \cdot (m, n, p) = (m+x, x+n+y, p+y)$$

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Here's a crucial point where algebraic and topological K-theory differ. Topologically: $K^{-1}(X)$ is the Grothendieck group formed out of couples (E, θ) where $E \in \mathcal{P}_X$ and $\theta \in \text{Aut}(E)$; one introduces relations coming from exact sequences, ~~homotopies~~ homotopies of the auto. θ , and also $(E, \text{id}_E) \mapsto 0$.

~~Now~~ Now suppose we were to try to do the same thing ~~algebraically~~ in algebraic K-theory. We ~~now~~ form the Grothendieck group of couples (E, θ) . These are the same thing as $A[T, T^{-1}]$ -modules which are finite and flat over A . If A is a field this K-theory is ~~a~~^a direct sum:

Let $F = \bar{F}$ be alg. closed. Then

$$K_*(\text{mod}_{\text{flat}} F[T, T^{-1}]) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in F^\times} K_*(F) = \mathbb{Z}[F^\times] \otimes K_*(F)$$

~~So far~~ so far we have considered only the relations coming from exact sequences among the couples (E, θ) . ~~So~~ how might we handle homotopies?

Try $F^\times \otimes K_*(F)$. Ignoring uniquely divisible stuff, this is

$$\text{Tor}_1(F^\times, K_*(F)) = \text{Tor}_1(\mu_\infty, K_*(F)).$$

In degree n , it is $\text{Tor}_1(F, K_{n-1}(F)) = K_{n-1}(F)(\pm 1)$
 and I want it to be something like $K_n^{-1}(F) = K_{n+1}(F)$,
 hence I am not very far away from periodicity.

So in some funny way what I have to
 do is to formulate some sort of algebraic $K_*^{-1}(A)$
 which is to be constructed out of (E, θ) and
 satisfies $K_*^{-1}(A) \cong \boxed{} K_{*+1}(A)$. This should be
 what Vlodin + Wagoner have done. Then I will
 want to ~~relate~~ relate $K_*^{-1}(F)$ to $K_*(F) \otimes (F \boxed{})$
 with torsion coefficients present. At this point
 we will get some ~~sort~~ sort of periodicity.

Now ~~what~~ what has all
 this to do with topological periodicity?

$\boxed{}$ Funny thing is that if I, instead of
 couples (E, θ) , consider $P \in \mathcal{P}_{A[T, T^{-1}]}$, then the
 exact sequences ~~give~~ relations give me the gps
 $K_n(A[T, T^{-1}])$

so if I further kill the direct summand $K_n A$ coming
 from $T=1$ I get

$$K_n(A[T, T^{-1}]) / K_n A = K_{n-1} A \quad \text{if } A \text{ reg.}$$

Today's pairing:

$$\text{Rep}(G, P_A) \times \mathcal{P}_{A[G]} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_A$$

$$(V, M) \longmapsto \boxed{\phantom{V \otimes_{A[G]} M}} V \otimes_{A[G]} M$$

Perhaps this induces a map

$$K_i(BG; A) \otimes K_j(A[G]) \longrightarrow K_{i+j}(A)$$

Take $\boxed{} G = \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$K_i(B\mathbb{Z}, A) = K_i(A) \oplus K_{i+1}(A)$$

$$K_i(A[\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^{-1}]) = K_i(A) \oplus K_{i-1}(A)$$

Thus the map is probably the usual cup product.

Notice how things are backward. $A[\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^{-1}]$ is the coordinate ring of $\text{Spec} A \times \mathbb{G}_m$. Topologically

$$\begin{aligned} K_g(X \times \mathbb{C}^*) &= K_g(X \times S^1) = K_g(X) \oplus \tilde{K}_g(SX) \\ &= K_g(X) \oplus \tilde{K}^{-g}(SX) \\ &= K_g(X) \oplus \tilde{K}^{-g-1}(SX) \\ &= K_g(X) \oplus K_{g+1}(X) \end{aligned}$$

However we have

$$K_i(A[T, T^{-1}]) = K_i A \oplus K_{i-1} A.$$

Or in another direction I recall that topological connected $K_{-1}(X)$ can be defined using bundles over X equipped with a decomposition relative to S^1 , or \mathbb{C}^* .

~~Over \mathbb{C}^* a bundle E with a decomposition relative to S^1 is the same as a bundle over \mathbb{C}^* equipped with an automorphism.~~
 Over \mathbb{C}^* a bundle E with a decomposition rel. to \mathbb{C}^* is the same as a bundle plus an automorphism.

Idea: A bundle E with an auto θ is something like a finite module over \mathbb{C}^* , i.e. a sheaf over $X \times \mathbb{C}^*$ proper over X . It is like a section of some gadget \square over $X \times \mathbb{C}^*$ having support proper over X . But I have seen in duality theory that the functor $f_!$ (when put into the derived category) is unusual.

Let's guess that what I am after is something over $X \times \mathbb{P}^1$ which dies canonically on $X \times 0$ and $X \times \infty$, modulo stuff with support on $X \times 1$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright (?)_0 \rightarrow K_0(X \times \mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow K_0(X) \times K_0(X) \\ \curvearrowright \\ (?)_1 \rightarrow K_1(X \times \mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow K_1(X) \times K_1(X) \end{array}$$

This shows that

$$0 \rightarrow K_1(X) \rightarrow (?)_0 \rightarrow K_0(X) \rightarrow 0.$$

More completely: $K_n(X \times \mathbb{P}^1) = K_n(X) \cdot 1 \oplus K_n(X) \cdot (\mathcal{O}(1) - 1)$,
 and the latter factor dies on $X \times 0$ and $X \times 1$.
 Now inside $K_n^0(X \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ is $\text{Im } K_n(X \times 1)$ which
 $= K_n(X) \cdot (\mathcal{O}(1) - 1)$. Thus it does seem that what
 we get is ~~inside~~ $K_1(X)$.

Perhaps I want to think of $K_1(X)$ as
 being K_0 of ^{virtual} bundles over $X \times \mathbb{G}_m$ with proper
 support \blacksquare over X .