

# Equivariant Bredon (co)homology.

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§1. The orbit category & Elmendorf thm.

Recall from Zhipeng's talk.

$$G\text{-Top} = \text{Fun}(*//G, \text{Top}).$$

Today we give a different model that leads to Bredon (co)homology.

Def. Let  $G$  be a fin gp.

$$\text{Orb } G = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{obj: } G/H, H \leq G \text{ subgp.} \\ \text{mor: } \text{Hom}_G(G/H, G/K). \end{array} \right.$$

More precisely:

$$\text{Hom}_G(G/H, G/K) = (G/K)^H; \quad \phi \text{ unless } g^{-1}Hg \leq K \text{ for some } g.$$

why?  $f$  then  $f(eH) = gK$ .

$$\text{s.t. } hgK = gK \quad \forall h \in H.$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}Hg \leq K.$$

[ For  $G$  a topological gp., should take.

$$\text{Obj } \mathcal{O}_G = \{ G/H, H \leq G \text{ closed subgroup} \}$$

Defn: An  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -space is a contravariant functor  $\underline{X}: \text{Obj } \mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \text{Top}$ .

Denote the category by  $\mathcal{O}_G\text{-Top}$   
htpy equivalence = levelwise htpy equivalence.

Observation: Fixed points of a  $G$ -space gives a  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -space.

$$\Phi: G\text{-Top} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_G\text{-Top}$$

$$X \mapsto \underline{X}: (G/H \mapsto X^H)$$

check: if  $g^{-1}Hg \leq K$ .

$$\text{then } X^K \subseteq X^{g^{-1}Hg} = g^{-1}X^H$$

$$\textcircled{H}: \mathcal{O}_G\text{-Top} \rightarrow G\text{-Top} \xrightarrow{\Phi} X^H$$

$$\underline{X}: \mapsto \underline{X}(G/e)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_G = \text{Hom}_G(G/e, G/e)$$

Observation:  $\textcircled{H} \dashv \Phi$  check:

$$\text{Map}_G(\textcircled{H}(X), Y) \cong \text{Map}_{\text{Obj } \mathcal{O}_G}(\underline{X}, \Phi(Y))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{i.e. } X(G/e) & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ X(G/H) & \xrightarrow{\exists} & Y^H \end{array}$$

since  $H$  acts on  $X(G/H)$  trivially.

Moreover:  $\Phi \bar{\Phi} = \text{Id}$ .

Thm (Eilenberg)  $\exists$  a functor

$$\underline{\Psi}: \mathcal{O}_G\text{-Top} \longrightarrow G\text{-Top}$$

& nat isom  $\varepsilon: \bar{\Phi} \bar{\Psi} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\text{sets}}$ .  $\forall X$

$\varepsilon: \bar{\Phi} X(G/H)^H \longrightarrow X(G/H)$  is a

htpy equivalence.

If  $X$  is a  $G$ -CW, then.

$$[\underline{X}, \underline{\Psi} X]_G \cong [\bar{\Phi} X, Y]_{\text{Orb}_G}$$

$\bar{\Psi} \rightarrow \bar{\Phi}$

Construction:  $S: \text{Orb}_G \rightarrow \text{Top}$  underlying space.  
Two sided bar.

$$\bar{\Psi}(X) = B(X, \text{Orb}_G, S)$$

$$D_n(X, \text{Orb}_G, S) = \{ x, d_0 \xleftarrow{f_1} d_1 \xleftarrow{\dots} d_n \}$$

$x \in X(d_0)$   
 $s \in S(d_n)$

In the end  $hG\text{-Top} \xrightarrow{\Phi} hG\text{-Top}$

$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\oplus} & \\ & \downarrow \perp & \\ & \Phi & \\ & \uparrow \perp & \\ & \xleftarrow{\oplus} & \end{array}$

§2. Coefficient system and Bredon (co)homology.

Non equivariantly: Coeff is  $Ab$ .

& Cohomology.  $h\text{Top}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow Ab$ .

Equivariantly: For cohomology

a coeff system is  $\underline{M} : \text{Orb}_G^{\text{op}} \rightarrow Ab$ .

Ex: Given any  $G\text{-Top}$ ,  $\underline{X}$ .

functor  $\text{Top} \xrightarrow{F} Ab$  (e.g.  $\pi_*$ ).

We obtain a coeff system.

$$\text{Orb}_G^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{X} \text{Top} \xrightarrow{F} Ab.$$

e.g. For any  $G$ -space.

$$\underline{\pi}_*(X) (G/H) := \pi_*(X^H) \text{ is a.}$$

coeff system.

For a  $G$ -CW cpx  $X$ , define its  $n$ -th cellular chain as the coeff system

$$\underline{C}_n(X) := \underline{H}_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; \mathbb{Z}).$$

The connecting homomorphism of the triple  $(X_n, X_{n-1}, X_{n-2})$  gives the differential.

$$\delta \Rightarrow \underline{C}_n(X) \xrightarrow{\delta} \underline{C}_{n-1}(X) \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots$$

Define the Bredon cohomology of  $X$  w/ coeff system  $\underline{M}$  as.

$$H_G^*(X; \underline{M}) := H^* \left( \text{Hom}_{\text{coeff}}(\underline{C}_*(X), \underline{M}) \right).$$

Ex:  $X = G/H$

$$\underline{C}_n(X)(G/H) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}[G/H] & n=0 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases} \quad k = \text{Hom}_G(\mathbb{Z}[G/H], \mathbb{Z}[G/H])$$

$$H_G^*(G/H, \underline{M}) = \begin{cases} \text{Hom}_{\text{coeff}}(\mathbb{Z}[G/H], \underline{M}) & n=0 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

(claim:  $\text{Hom}_{\text{coeff}}(\mathbb{Z}[G/H], \underline{M}) \cong \underline{M}(G/H)$ .)

More precisely if  $f: G/H \rightarrow G/K$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{then } \mathbb{Z}[G/H] & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathbb{Z}[G/K] \\ \downarrow \text{I} & & \downarrow \text{J} \\ f(eH) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & g(f(eH)). \end{array}$$

For homology, need a covariant left.

$$\underline{N} : \text{Orb}_G \rightarrow \text{Ab}.$$

$$\text{For } \underline{M} : \text{Orb}_G^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

$$\text{define } \underline{M} \otimes_{\text{orb}} \underline{N} = \bigoplus_{H \leq G} M(G/H) \otimes N(G/H) \cong$$

$$\text{sit. } \forall f: G/H \rightarrow G/K.$$

$$n \in N(G/H).$$

$$m \in M(G/K).$$

$$f_* m \otimes n = m \otimes f_* n.$$

This is a coend construction.

$$H_*^G(X; \underline{N}) := H_* \left( \underline{C}_*(X) \otimes_{\text{orb}} \underline{N} \right).$$

$$\text{Ex: } X = G/H.$$

$$\underline{\mathbb{Z}[G/H]} \otimes_G \underline{N} = \bigoplus_{K \leq G} \mathbb{Z}[G/H] \otimes N(G/K) \cong$$

$$\text{If } \mathbb{Z}[G/H]^K \neq 0$$

then  $\mathbb{Z}[G/H]^K$  is gen by  $\text{image } G/H$ .

$$\underline{\mathbb{Z}[G/H]} \otimes_G \underline{N} = \mathbb{Z}[G/H] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[G/H]} \mathbb{Z}[G/H] / \cong (H \otimes n) \cong N(G/H).$$

### §3. Axioms and first computations.

Recall the Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms for nonequivariant (co)homology.

- $H_* : \mathbf{hTop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ .
- Additivity.  $H_*(\bigvee X_i) \cong \bigoplus H_*(X_i)$ .
- $H^*(\bigvee X_i) \cong \prod H^*(X_i)$ .
- LES for cofiber seqn.
- suspension (excision).
- dimension..

Claim: Bredon (co)homology are characterized by the same set of axioms.

except for dimension:

$$\{G/K \mapsto H_*^h(G/K; \underline{N})\} = \begin{cases} \underline{N} & * = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\{G/K \mapsto H_*^f(G/K; \underline{M})\} = \begin{cases} \underline{M} & * = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

In this sense  $G/H$  is a pt in  $G$ -equivariant world.

Also, a reduced version.

Example:  $G = C_2$ . reflection.

$$X = S^0 = \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \curvearrowright \\ \circ \end{array}$$

$S^0$ : 1-d real sign rep of  $C_2$ .

Get a  $C_2$ -cofiber seqn.

Nonequivar  $S^0 \rightarrow * \rightarrow S^1$ .

$C_2$ -equivari:  $C_2/e \xrightarrow{f} C_2/C_2 \rightarrow S^0$

Let  $M: \text{Orb}_{C_2} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  be a coeff system for cohomology.

LES:

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow H_{C_2}^n(S^0; \underline{M}) &\rightarrow H_{C_2}^n(C_2/C_2; \underline{M}) \rightarrow H_{C_2}^n(C_2/e; \underline{M}) \\ &\rightarrow H_{C_2}^{n+1}(S^0; \underline{M}) \end{aligned}$$

0 unless  $n=0$ .

When  $n=0$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H_{C_2}^0(S^0; \underline{M}) &\rightarrow M(C_2/C_2) \xrightarrow{f^*} M(C_2/e) \rightarrow H_{C_2}^1(S^0; \underline{M}) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow H_{C_2}^0(S^0; \underline{M}) &= \ker(f^*) \\ H_{C_2}^1(S^0; \underline{M}) &= \text{coker}(f^*) \end{aligned}$$

For homology:  $N: \text{Orb}_{C_2} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ .

Check:  $H_1(S^0; \underline{M}) = \ker f_*: N(C_2/e) \rightarrow N(C_2/C_2)$ .

$H_0(S^0; \underline{M}) = \text{coker } f_*: \dots$