

Examples of model structures

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Today 2 examples: Top and Ch(R). More time on 2nd one.

Both are cofibrantly generated model categories, which means:

there are sets W, J, I of morphisms s.t.

- $W =$ weak eq's
 - $R(J) =$ fibrations
 - $LR(I) =$ cofibrations
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} R(J) = r(J) \\ L(J) = l(J) \end{array} \right\}$ two eq. notations

1. Let's consider Top, the cat of top spaces.

Set $S^n =$ the n -sphere (and $S^{-1} := \emptyset$)

$D^n =$ the n -disk

Def: $I \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \{ S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D^n, n \geq 0 \}$

$J \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \{ D^n \times \{0\} \hookrightarrow D^n \times [0,1], n \geq 0 \}$

$W \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \text{weak homotopy equivalences.}$

thm I, J, W give a cofibrantly generated model category structure on Top.

Pf We won't give it, but just a sample of interesting arguments: we see why every f factors as

$$\cdot \xrightarrow{\text{cof}} \cdot \xrightarrow{\text{fib} \cap W} \cdot$$

and we characterize $\text{cof} = LR(I)$.

Let's go. We'll use the "small object argument" in a simple form called "compact object argument" which is enough in this case.

Def: An "I-cell attachment" is a pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \coprod_{s \in \mathcal{J}} S^{n_s-1} & \longrightarrow & X \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \coprod_{s \in \mathcal{J}} D^{n_s} & \longrightarrow & Y
 \end{array}$$

\mathcal{J} : an index set

Def: f is an "relative I-cell complex" if it is decomposable as $f: X = Z_0 \hookrightarrow Z_1 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Z_n \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Z$ where $Z = \text{colim } Z_i$ each $Z_i \hookrightarrow Z_{i+1}$ is an I-cell attachment

Def I-cell $\stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \{ \text{rel. I-cell complexes} \}$

Rem: $I, J \in \text{I-cell}$.

Key prop (Compact object argument)

Given C compact, $f: X \rightarrow Z \in \text{I-cell}$ and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \\
 & & \downarrow C \\
 & & Z
 \end{array}$$

there exist $(Z_n)_n$ a downp. of $X \rightarrow Z$, and a n

with a factorization

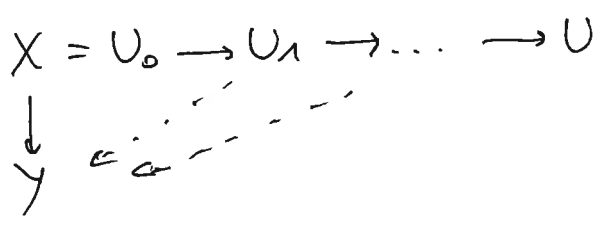
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \longrightarrow & Z_n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \\
 & & & \nearrow \text{---} & \downarrow C \\
 & & & & Z
 \end{array}$$

Prop For $f: X \rightarrow Y$, there is a factorization

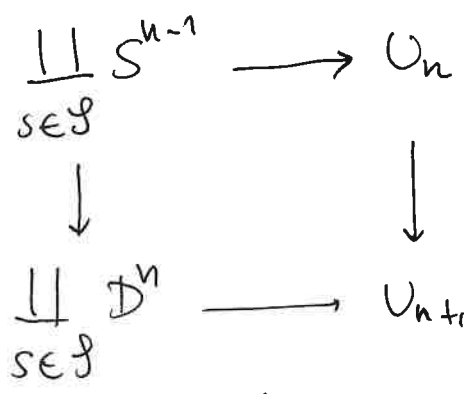
$$X \xrightarrow{i} U \xrightarrow{p} Y, \quad i \in I\text{-cell}, p \in R(I)NW$$

[in fact we'll have]
 $R(I)CW!$

Proof: $U_0 = X$



Given $U_p \rightarrow Y$, we construct $U_{k+1} \rightarrow Y$ as follows:
 $(U_k) \qquad \qquad \qquad (U_{k+1})$



where $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{Maps}(S^{n-1}, U_k) \times \text{Maps}(D^n, Y)$ i.e. we are
 $\text{Maps}(S^{n-1}, Y)$

attaching all possible cells. (A formal construction!)

So define $U = \text{colim } U_i$, get $U \rightarrow Y$.

Now $X \rightarrow U$ is a rel I -cell complex (because it is a rel. CW complex)

Suppose $S^{n-1} \rightarrow U$, then by Key Prop, since

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ D^n & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

S^{n-1} is compact we have a filling $S^{n-1} \rightarrow U$
 (some k)

So by construction $\exists D^n \rightarrow U_{k+1}$.

One checks that $p \in W$.. Some details omitted \square

Def: $I\text{-Cof} = \{\text{retracts of rel. } I\text{-cell complexes}\}$

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Cor: $LR(I) = I\text{-cof}$

Pf: " \subset " Let $f \in LR(I)$, then we can factor it

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \in I\text{-cell} & \xrightarrow{g} & U \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow \in R(I) \\ Y & \xlongequal{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

So \exists lift $Y \rightarrow U$, so f is a retract of $g \in I\text{-cell}$

" \supset " We have $R(I) \supset R(I\text{-cof})$
but also $R(I) \subset R(I\text{-cof})$ by a quite formal check.

It follows that $R(I) = R(I\text{-cof})$

hence $LR(I) = LR(I\text{-cof}) \supset I\text{-cof}$! qed \square

Cor For every space X , we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \emptyset & \longrightarrow & X \\ & \searrow \text{I-cell complex} & \nearrow \text{weak eq} \\ & U & \end{array}$$

2. let's now pass to $Ch(R)$, the cat. of chain complexes.

R : a commutative ring

$Ch(R)$: the cat of chain complexes indexed by \mathbb{Z}

$$\dots \rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{d_n} X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots \quad \begin{array}{l} X_i \in R\text{-Mod} \\ d_{n-1} \circ d_n = 0 \end{array}$$

$Ch(R)$ has all small limits and colimits

(\rightarrow called "bicomplete")

$0 \in Ch(R)$ is initial & terminal object.

Def: Given $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, define

$$S^n M := \dots \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{n-1} 0 \xrightarrow{n} M \xrightarrow{n+1} 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

$$D^n M := \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{id} M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

Rem there is a natural map $S^{n-1}M \rightarrow D^n M$

Def: $I = \{S^{n-1}R \rightarrow D^n R, \text{ varying } n\}$

$J = \{0 \rightarrow D^n R, \text{ varying } n\}$

$W = \{\text{quasi-isom's ie } f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ s.t. } H_n f: H_n X \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n Y, \text{ all } n\}$

Rem by functoriality of homology, W is stable under retracts; ^{and} by long exact sequences of homology we have the 2-out-of-3 property.

Thm: $Ch(R)$ has a structure of model category called "projective model structure" with $Cof = LR(I)$
 $Fib = R(J)$
 $W.eq = W$

Again we only comment on some aspects of the proof.

Prop A map $p: X \rightarrow Y$ is a fibration iff $\forall n, p_n$ surjective

Cor: every X is fibrant \square



is just the datum of an element $y \in Y_n$

A lift gives $x \in X_n$ over y

$\text{Hom}(D^n R, -)$ represents $X \mapsto X_n$ \square

Prop X cofibrant $\Rightarrow \forall n, X_n$ is projective. (6)

Conversely if $\forall n, X_n$ projective and $X_n = 0 \forall n \ll 0$ then X is cofibrant

Example of X all whose X_n 's are projective, that is not cofibrant: take $R = k[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2, X = \dots \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} R \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} R \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \dots$

then $0 \rightarrow X$ and if it is a cofibration, then it has left lifting property wrt fibrations e.g. $D^0 R \rightarrow D^0 k$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{However } \text{Hom}_R(X_0/X_1, R) & \xrightarrow{0 \text{ map}} & \text{Hom}_R(X_0/X_1, k) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{Hom}(X, D^0 R) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(X, D^0 k) \\ & & \searrow \text{not surjective! } \perp \end{array}$$

Prop: $i: A \hookrightarrow B$ is cofibration iff:
 " $\forall m$ i_m is split injective, and $\text{coker}(i)$ is cofibrant "

Rem: Given $M \in R\text{-Mod}$, a proj. resolution $P_\bullet \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is a cofibrant replacement of $D^0 M$, because

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} P_2 & \rightarrow & P_1 & \rightarrow & P_0 & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \text{is q-iso} \\ 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Homotopies

Def the "interval" $\text{Int} := 0 \rightarrow R e_1 \xrightarrow{1 \quad 0} R e_0^0 \oplus R e_0^1 \rightarrow 0$
 $e_1 \mapsto e_0^0 - e_0^1$

For $D \in \text{Ch}(R)$ we can compute

(*) $(D \otimes \text{Int})_m = D_m \oplus D_m \oplus D_{m-1}$ ~~with~~ differentials...
 with

$$\dots d_n : D_n \oplus D_n \oplus D_{n-1} \longrightarrow D_{n-1} \oplus D_{n-1} \oplus D_{n-2}$$

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (dx-z, dy+z, -dz)$$

Lemma we have $D \oplus D \rightarrow D \otimes \text{Int} \rightarrow D$
 maps in $\text{ch } R$: $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y, 0)$
 $(x, y, z) \mapsto x+y$

whose composition is the sum,
 the first is a cofibration, the 2nd an acyclic fibration (trivial)
 So they form a cylinder.

Rem Can define $D \otimes \text{Int}$, and hence cylinders, in any ab. category even if we don't have an object Int .
 Indeed, use formulas (\star) !

Def: For $X \xrightleftharpoons[f]{f} Y$, a chain homotopy $h: f \Rightarrow g$
 is a collection of $h_n: X_{n-1} \rightarrow Y_n$ s.t. $f-g = dh+hd$.

Lemma let $X \xrightleftharpoons[f]{f} Y$ in $\text{ch}(R)$ and $H: X \otimes \text{Int} \rightarrow Y$
 a homotopy, then $h(z) := H(0, 0, z)$ is a chain homotopy.

[Given $h: f \Rightarrow g$, $H: X \otimes \text{Int} \rightarrow Y$ is homotopy
 and conversely...] $(x, y, z) \mapsto f(x) + g(y) + h(z)$

Recall if \mathcal{C} model category, then $W^{-1}\mathcal{C} \cong \mathcal{C}_{cf} / \text{homotopy}$

let's assume that $\mathcal{C} = \text{Ch}^-(R)$ bounded below complexes
 inherits the proj. model cat structure.

then $\mathcal{C}_{cf} = \mathcal{P}_R = \{ \text{complexes of projectives} \}$

$D^-R \cong \mathcal{P}_R / \text{homotopy}$

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Final remark you can dualize everything
and get cochain complexes etc.