

We continue with some more of the abstract homotopy theory connected with model categories. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a model category. We define the homotopy category  $H_0(\mathcal{C})$  as follows: The objects are

$$\text{ob } H_0(\mathcal{C}) = \text{ob } (\mathcal{C})$$

To define  $\text{Hom}_{H_0(\mathcal{C})}(X, Y)$ , we choose, for every object  $X$ , two factorizations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Q(X) & \\ \nearrow & \sim \downarrow P_X & \\ \emptyset & \longrightarrow & X \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} & R(X) & \\ \sim \nearrow i_X & \searrow & \\ X & \longrightarrow & * \end{array}$$

We refer to  $Q(X)$  as a cofibrant replacement of  $X$  and  $R(X)$  as a fibrant replacement. We note that  $RQ(X)$  is both fibrant and cofibrant:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & RQ(X) & & \\ & & \nearrow \sim & \searrow & \\ & Q(X) & \longrightarrow & & * \\ & \nearrow & \searrow \sim & & \\ \emptyset & \longrightarrow & X & & \end{array}$$

We then define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})}(X, Y) \\ = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(RQ(X), RQ(Y)) / \sim \end{aligned}$$

to be the set of equivalence classes for the common equivalence relation of left or right homotopy. We

choose, for every map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , two liftings

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \emptyset & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Q(Y) & & \\ \downarrow & \nearrow Q(f) & \downarrow \sim P_Y & & \\ Q(X) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{P_X} & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & & \downarrow \sim i_X & \nearrow R(f) & \\ & & R(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & * \end{array}$$

$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow[\sim]{i_Y} R(Y)$

Any two liftings  $Q(f)$  and  $Q(f)'$  of  $f \circ P_X$  are left homotopic, and any

two lifts  $R(f)$  and  $R(f)'$  of  $i_Y \circ f$  are right homotopic; see [Quillen, Lemma 7]. In particular, we have

$$Q(f \circ g) \stackrel{\ell}{\sim} Q(f) \circ Q(g)$$

$$R(f \circ g) \stackrel{\sim}{\sim} R(f) \circ R(g)$$

where  $\stackrel{\ell}{\sim}$  and  $\stackrel{\sim}{\sim}$  indicates left and right homotopy. Hence, there is a well-defined functor

$$\gamma: \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$$

with  $\gamma(X) = X$  and  $\gamma(f) = \text{class of } RQ(f)$ .

Thm Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a model category. Then the functor  $\gamma: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$  satisfies:

(i) For every weak equivalence  $f$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\gamma(f)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$ .

(ii) If  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a functor such that, for every weak equivalence  $f$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $F(f)$  is an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then there exists a unique functor

$$\theta : H_0(\mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow A$$

such that  $F = \theta \circ \gamma$ .

Proof Part (i) follows from Whitehead's theorem. To prove (ii), we define

$$\theta : H_0(\mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow A$$

as follows :  $\theta(X) = F(X)$ , and if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha & \in & \text{Hom}_{H_0(\mathcal{C})}(X, Y) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \end{array}$$

class of  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(RQ(X), RQ(Y)) / \sim$

then we define

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(X) & \xrightarrow{\theta(\alpha)} & F(Y) \\ \sim \uparrow F(p_X) & & \sim \uparrow F(p_Y) \\ F(Q(X)) & & F(Q(Y)) \\ \sim \downarrow F(i_{Q(X)}) & & \sim \downarrow F(i_{Q(Y)}) \\ F(RQ(X)) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(RQ(Y)) \end{array}$$

We must show that  $\theta(\alpha)$  only depends on  $\alpha$  and not on the chosen map  $f$ . So suppose both  $f$  and  $g$  represent  $\alpha$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are left homotopic:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 RQ(X) \amalg RQ(X) & \xrightarrow{f+g} & RQ(Y) \\
 \downarrow \Delta & \searrow d^0+d^1 & \uparrow h \\
 RQ(X) & \xleftarrow[\sim]{\sigma} & \text{Cyl}(RQ(X))
 \end{array}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\sigma) \circ F(d^0) &= F(\sigma \circ d^0) \\
 &= F(\text{id}_{RQ(X)}) = \text{id}_{F(RQ(X))}
 \end{aligned}$$

and since  $F(\sigma)$  is an isomorphism, we have  $F(d^0) = F(\sigma)^{-1}$ . Similarly,  $F(d^1) = F(\sigma)^{-1}$ , so  $F(d^0) = F(d^1)$ . This shows that

$$F(f) = F(h \circ d^0) = F(h) \circ F(d^0)$$

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$$F(g) = F(h \circ d^1) = F(h) \circ F(d^1)$$

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Rem Whitehead's theorem actually shows that the map  $f$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a weak equivalence if and only if  $\gamma(f)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C})$ . //

lemma let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be two model categories, and let  $(F, G, \alpha)$  be an adjunction from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $F$  preserves cofibrations and trivial cofibrations.

(ii)  $G$  preserves fibrations and trivial fibrations.

Pf We show (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). let  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  be a fibration in  $\mathcal{D}$ . We wish to show that  $G(p): G(X) \rightarrow G(Y)$  is a fibration in  $\mathcal{C}$ . This is equivalent to showing that, in every diagram of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & G(X) \\ \downarrow i & \nearrow h & \downarrow G(p) \\ B & \xrightarrow{g} & G(Y) \end{array}$$

the lifting  $h$  exists. By adjunction, this is equivalent to the statement that, in every diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(A) & \xrightarrow{f'} & X \\ \downarrow F(i) & \nearrow h' & \downarrow p \\ F(B) & \xrightarrow{g'} & Y \end{array}$$

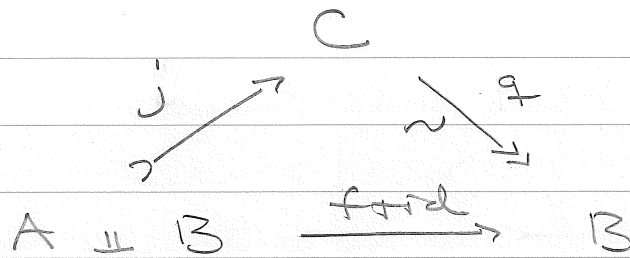
where  $i: A \rightarrow B$  is a trivial cofibration, the lifting  $h'$  exists. By assumption  $F(i): F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$  is a trivial cofibration, so  $h'$  exists. //

Def Suppose that  $(F, G, \alpha)$  satisfies the equivalent statements (i) and (ii) of the lemma. Then we say that  $F$  is a left Quillen functor, that  $G$  is a right Quillen functor, and that  $(F, G, \alpha)$  is a Quillen adjunction.

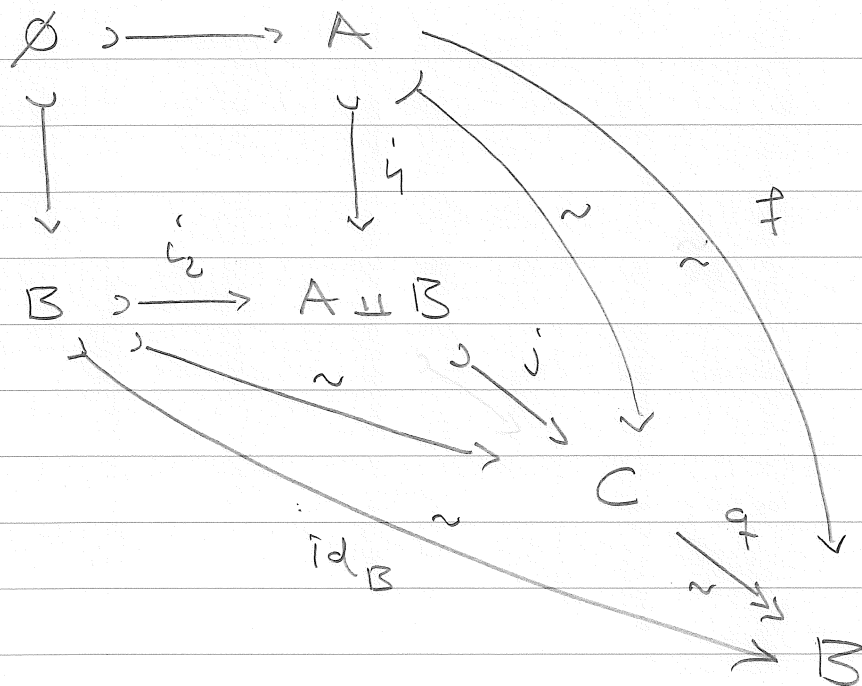
Lemma A left Quillen functor preserves weak equivalences between cofibrant objects. A right Quillen functor preserves weak equivalences

between fibrant objects.

Proof Let  $f: A \xrightarrow{\sim} B$  be a weak equivalence between cofibrant objects. We factor

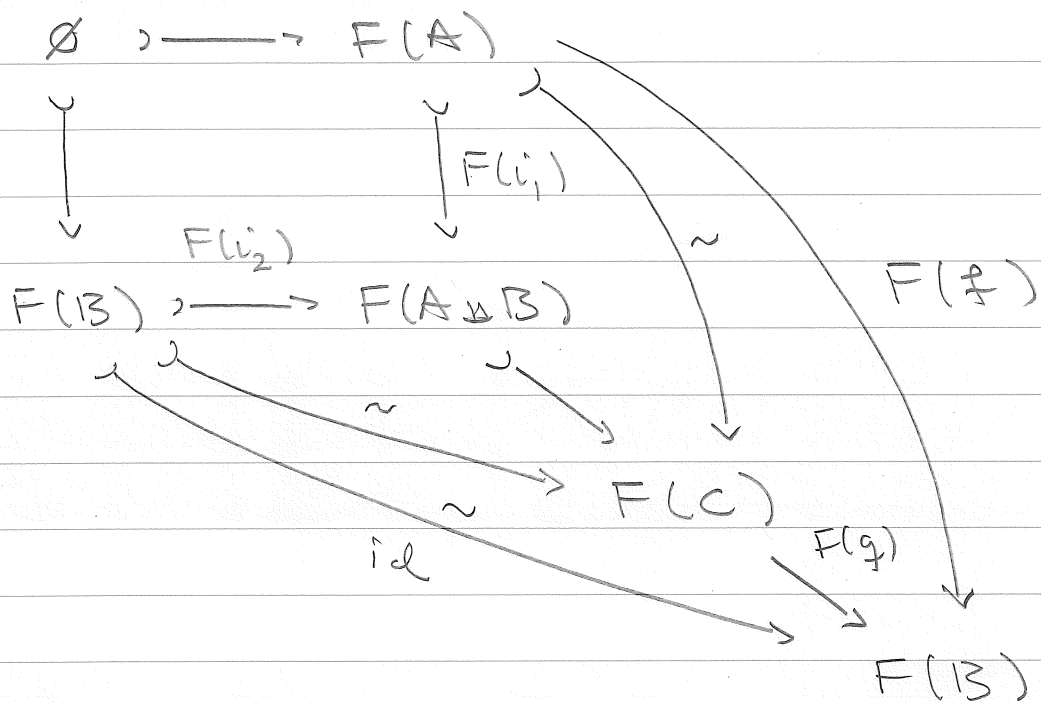


and consider the push-out diagram



Applying the left Quillen functor  $F$ , we get the following (push-out) diagram





We see that  $F(g)$ , and hence,  $F(f)$  are weak equivalences as desired. //

The left Quillen functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$  gives rise to a functor

$$LF: Ho(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow Ho(\mathcal{C}')$$

called the total left derived functor defined as follows. We may define a functor

$$F': \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Ho(\mathcal{C}')$$

by

$$F'(X) = \gamma'(F(Q(X)))$$

$$\downarrow F'(f)$$

$$\downarrow \gamma'(F(Q(f)))$$

$$F'(Y) = \gamma'(F(Q(Y)))$$

It takes weak equivalences in  $\mathcal{C}$  to isomorphisms in  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}')$ , so by the universal property of  $\gamma$ , we get the functor  $LF$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{F'} & \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}') \\ \downarrow \gamma & & \uparrow LF \\ \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}) & & \end{array}$$

We note that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{C}' \\ \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma' \\ \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{LF} & \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}') \end{array}$$

does not commute. However, there

is a natural transformation

$$\varepsilon: LF \circ \gamma \longrightarrow \gamma' \circ F$$

defined by the map

$$\gamma'(F(Q(x))) \xrightarrow{\gamma'(F(p_x))} \gamma'(F(x))$$

Moreover,  $LF \circ \gamma$  is best approximation to  $\gamma' \circ F$  from the left in the following sense: If  $g: Ho(E) \rightarrow Ho(E')$  is a functor and  $\xi: g \circ \gamma \rightarrow \gamma' \circ F$  a natural transformation, there exists a unique natural transformation  $\theta: g \rightarrow LF$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g \circ \gamma & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \gamma' \circ F \\ \downarrow \theta \circ \gamma & & \\ LF \circ \gamma & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \gamma' \circ F \end{array}$$

commutes. The total right derived functor

$$RG: Ho(E') \longrightarrow Ho(E)$$

of the right Quillen functor  $G: \mathcal{C}' \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is defined similarly.

We consider the category  $\mathcal{K}^{\Delta^{op}}$  of simplicial  $k$ -spaces. The geometric realization  $|X[-]|$  of the simplicial  $k$ -space  $X[-]$  is defined by the same formula as for simplicial sets:

$$|X[-]| := \left( \coprod_{n \geq 0} X[n] \times \Delta[n] \right) / \sim$$

where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation generated by the relation that identifies  $(\theta^* x, z) \in X[m] \times \Delta[m]$  and  $(x, \theta_* z) \in X[n] \times \Delta[n]$ , for all  $\theta$  maps  $\theta: [m] \rightarrow [n]$  in  $\Delta$ ,  $x \in X[n]$ , and  $z \in \Delta[m]$ . However, by contrast to simplicial sets,  $X[n]$  is now a  $k$ -space and not (necessarily) a discrete set. Geometric realization is a functor

$$|-|: \mathcal{K}^{\Delta^{op}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}$$

It has a right adjoint functor

$$\underline{\text{Sin}}(-)[-]: \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}^{\Delta^{op}}$$

defined by

$$\underline{\text{Sin}}(Y)[-1] = \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{X}}(\Delta[-1], Y).$$

We note that  $\underline{\text{Sin}}(Y)[-1]$  is equal to the set  $\text{Sin}(Y)[-1]$  but equipped with the function space topology as opposed to the discrete topology. We proceed to define a model structure called the Reedy model structure on  $\mathcal{X}^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}$ . With this model structure, the adjoint pair of functors  $(|-|, \underline{\text{Sin}}, a)$  becomes a Quillen adjunction.