

let \mathcal{E} be a category with cofibrations and weak equivalences. The three exact functors

$$d_0, d_1, d_2 : S\mathcal{E}[2] \longrightarrow S\mathcal{E}[1] = \mathcal{E}$$

associate to the cofibration sequence

$$A_{0,1} \hookrightarrow A_{0,2} \longrightarrow A_{1,2}$$

the quotient object $A_{1,2}$, the total object $A_{0,2}$, and the subobject $A_{0,1}$, respectively. We will prove:

Thm (Additivity theorem) let \mathcal{E} be a category with cofibrations and weak equivalences. Then the exact functor

$$(d_2, d_0) : S\mathcal{E}[2] \longrightarrow \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}$$

induce a weak equivalence

$$K(S\mathcal{E}[2])_n \xrightarrow{\sim} K(\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})_n,$$

for all $n \geq 1$.

Since $S^{(n-1)}\mathcal{E}$ is a simplicial cate-

with cofibrations and weak equivalences,
the lemma on p. 210 shows that it
suffices to prove the theorem for $n=1$.
This takes some preparation.

We consider the following functors and
natural transformations:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{pr}_1 & \\
 \boxed{\quad} & \varepsilon_L \downarrow \uparrow \iota_L & \downarrow \\
 \Delta \times \Delta & \xrightarrow{\perp\!\!\!\perp} & \Delta \\
 \boxed{\quad} & \varepsilon_R \uparrow \downarrow \iota_R & \uparrow \\
 & \text{pr}_2 &
 \end{array}$$

The functor $\perp\!\!\!\perp$ is called concatenation
and is defined by

$$[m] \perp\!\!\!\perp [n] := [m+n+1]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \downarrow \theta \perp\!\!\!\perp \gamma & & \downarrow \\
 [m'] \perp\!\!\!\perp [n'] & := & [m'+n'+1]
 \end{array}$$

$$(\theta \perp\!\!\!\perp \gamma)(i) = \begin{cases} \theta(i) & (0 \leq i \leq m) \\ \gamma(i-m-1+m'+1) & (m+1 \leq i \leq m+n+1) \end{cases}$$

The natural transformations

$$\text{pr}_1([m], [n]) \xrightleftharpoons[\varepsilon_L]{\cong} [m+n] \xrightleftharpoons[\varepsilon_R]{\cong} \text{pr}_2([m], [n])$$

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$$[m] \xrightleftharpoons{\cong} [m+n+1] \xrightleftharpoons{\cong} [n]$$

are defined by

$$\varepsilon_L(i) = i ; \quad \varepsilon_R(i) = m+1+i$$

$$\varepsilon_L(i) = \begin{cases} i & (0 \leq i \leq m) \\ m & (m+1 \leq i \leq m+n+1) \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon_R(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & (0 \leq i \leq m) \\ i-(m+1) & (m+1 \leq i \leq m+n+1) \end{cases}$$

Let $X[-]$ be a simplicial set. We then define the bi-simplicial sets

$$XL[-, -] \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_L^*} DX[-, -] \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_R^*} XRE[-, -]$$

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$$X[-] \circ \text{pr}_1 \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_L^*} X[-] \circ \amalg \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_R^*} X[-] \circ \text{pr}_2$$

Let $f, g: X[-] \rightarrow Y[-]$ be two maps of simplicial sets. A simplicial homotopy from f to g is a commutative diagram of maps of simplicial sets

$$X[-] \times \Delta[0][-] = X[-]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow id \times d^0 & & \downarrow \\ X[-] \times \Delta[1][-] & \longrightarrow & Y[-] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow id \times d^1 & & \uparrow g \\ X[-] \times \Delta[0][-] & = & X[-] \end{array}$$

Lemma For all $m \geq 0$ and $n \geq 0$, there exist natural simplicial homotopies from the composite maps

$$DX[m, -] \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_L^*} XL[m, -] \xrightarrow{\zeta_L^*} DX[m, -]$$

$$DX[-, n] \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_R^*} XR[-, n] \xrightarrow{\zeta_R^*} DX[-, n]$$

to the respective identity maps.

Proof We prove the statement for the second map. It is induced by the map $\varepsilon_R \circ \zeta_R$. We define

$$h: D \times [m, n] \times \Delta^{[1]} [m] \longrightarrow D \times [m, n]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$X^{[m+n+1]} \times \text{Hom}_{\Delta}(\Delta^m, \Delta^n) \rightarrow X^{[m+n+1]}$$

to be the adjoint of the map

$$\text{Hom}_{\Delta}(\Delta^m, \Delta^n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Map}(X^{[m+n+1]}, X^{[m+n+1]})$$

given by $\tilde{h}(a) = \varphi_m(a)^*$ where

$$\varphi_m(a) \in \text{Hom}_{\Delta}(X^{[m+n+1]}, X^{[m+n+1]})$$

is the map that, for $0 \leq i \leq m$, is defined by

$$\varphi_m(a)(i) = \begin{cases} i & (a(i) = 0) \\ m+1 & (a(i) = 1) \end{cases}$$

and, for $m+1 \leq i \leq m+n+1$, by

$$\varphi_m(a)(i) = i,$$

To prove that h is a simplicial map, we must show that, for every map $\theta: [m] \rightarrow [n]$ in Δ , the following diagram commutes:

$$X[m+n+1] \times \Delta[m][m] \xrightarrow{h} X[m+n+1]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow (\theta \amalg \text{id})^* \times \theta^* & \downarrow (\theta \amalg \text{id})^* \\ X[m'+n+1] \times \Delta[m][m'] & \xrightarrow{h} & X[m'+n+1] \end{array}$$

By adjunction, this is equivalent to showing that that

$$\Delta[m][m] \xrightarrow{\tilde{h}} \text{Map}(X[m+n+1], X[m+n+1])$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow \text{Map}(\text{id}, (\theta \amalg \text{id})^*) & \\ \theta^* & \text{Map}(X[m+n+1], X[m'+n+1]) & \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \text{Map}((\theta \amalg \text{id})^*, \text{id}) & \\ \Delta[m'][m'] & \xrightarrow{\tilde{h}} & \text{Map}(X[m'+n+1], X[m'+n+1]) \end{array}$$

commutes. By the definition of \tilde{h} , this is equivalent to showing that

$$\Delta[m][m] \xrightarrow{\varphi_m} \text{Hom}_{/\Delta}([m] \amalg [n], [m] \amalg [n])$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow \text{Hom}(\theta \amalg \text{id}, \text{id}) & \\ \theta^* & \text{Hom}_{/\Delta}([m'] \amalg [n], [m] \amalg [n]) & \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \text{Hom}(\text{id}, \theta \amalg \text{id}) & \\ \Delta[m'][m'] & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{m'}} & \text{Hom}_{/\Delta}([m'] \amalg [n], [m'] \amalg [n]) \end{array}$$

$$\Delta[m'][m'] \xrightarrow{\varphi_{m'}} \text{Hom}_{/\Delta}([m'] \amalg [n], [m'] \amalg [n])$$

commutes. This, in turn, is equivalent to showing that, for all $a: [m] \rightarrow [n]$, the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [m'] \amalg [n] & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{m'}(a \circ \theta)} & [m'] \amalg [n] \\ \downarrow \theta \circ id & & \downarrow \theta \circ id \\ [m] \amalg [n] & \xrightarrow{\varphi_m(a)} & [m] \amalg [n] \end{array}$$

We leave it as an exercise to check that this is true. Finally, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} DX[-, n] \times \Delta [0] \wr [-] & = & DX[-, n] \\ \downarrow id \times d^0 & & \downarrow \zeta_L^* \circ \varepsilon_L^* \\ DX[-, n] \times \Delta \wr [1] \wr [-] & \xrightarrow{h} & DX[-, n] \\ \uparrow id \times d^1 & & \uparrow id \\ DX[-, n] \times \Delta [0] \wr [-] & = & DX[-, n] \end{array}$$

commutes.

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The geometric realization of a simplicial homotopy is a homotopy. Moreover, $\varepsilon_L^* \circ \zeta_L^* = id$ and $\varepsilon_R^* \circ \zeta_R^* = id$. Hence, the two maps

$$|DX[m, -1]| \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_L^*} |XL[m, -1]| = X[m]$$

$$|DX[-, n]| \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_R^*} |XR[-, n]| = X[n]$$

are weak equivalences, for all m and n , respectively. As m varies, the maps ε_L^* form a map of simplicial spaces. Similarly, the maps ε_R^* constitute a map of simplicial spaces. (This is not true for the maps c_L^* and c_R^* .) By the lemma on p. 210, we conclude that the induced maps

$$|X[-1]| \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_L^*} |DX[-, -1]| \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_R^*} |X[-1]|$$

are both weak equivalences.

Now, let $f: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be an exact functor between two categories with cofibrations and weak equivalences. We consider the following diagram of bi-simplicial categories with cofibrations and weak equivalences, where the upper left-hand term is defined to be the pull-back:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{SFID}[-,-] & \xrightarrow{\quad f' \quad} & \mathcal{DSID}[-,-] \\ \downarrow \varepsilon'_L & & \downarrow \varepsilon_L^* \\ (\mathcal{SC})\mathcal{L}[-,-] & \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} & (\mathcal{SD})\mathcal{L}[-,-] \end{array}$$

If we ignore choices of quotient objects, an object of $\mathcal{SFID}[m,n]$ is a pair of flags in C and D

$$C_1 \supset \cdots \supset C_m$$

$$D_1 \supset \cdots \supset D_m \supset S_0 \supset \cdots \supset S_n$$

such that $f(C_i) = D_i$, $1 \leq i \leq m$. The map ε'_L forgets the second row. For fixed m , the section

$$\zeta^*_L : (\mathcal{SD})[m,-] \rightarrow \mathcal{DSID}[-,-]$$

induces a section

$$\zeta'_L : (\mathcal{SC})[m,-] \rightarrow \mathcal{SFID}[m,-]$$

which maps

$$C_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_m$$

to

$$C_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_m$$

$$D_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow D_m = D_m = \cdots = D_m$$

where $D_i = f(C_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$. The homotopy from the lemma above induces a simplicial homotopy from

$$SFID[m, -] \xrightarrow{\epsilon_L^*} (SE)L[m, -] \xrightarrow{\zeta^*} SFID[m, -]$$

to the identity. Moreover, for fixed n , there are simplicial exact functors

$$DS\mathcal{D}[-, n] \xrightarrow{\epsilon_L^*} (S\mathcal{D})L[-, n] \xleftarrow{f} (SC)L[-, n]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \downarrow \epsilon_R^* & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ DS\mathcal{D}[n] & \longrightarrow & * & \longleftarrow & * \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \downarrow \zeta_R^* & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ DS\mathcal{D}[-, n] & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_L^*} & (S\mathcal{D})L[-, n] & \xleftarrow{f} & (SC)L[-, n] \end{array}$$

and, taking horizontal pull-backs, we get simplicial exact functors

$$SFID[-, n] \xrightarrow{\epsilon_R'} SD[n] \xrightarrow{\zeta_L} SFID[-, n]$$

that takes

$$c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_m$$

$$D_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D_m \rightarrow S_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S_n$$

to

$$* = \dots = *$$

$$* = \dots = * = S_0/S_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S_n/S_0$$

We now have the following result
similar to Quillen's theorem A:

Prop Suppose that, for all $n > 0$, the

$$\text{lob } SFID[-, n] \xrightarrow{\zeta_L' \circ \epsilon_R'} \text{lob } SFID[-, n]$$

is a weak equivalence. Then

$$\text{lob } SET[-1] \xrightarrow{f} \text{lob } SD[-1]$$

is a weak equivalence.

Proof This follows from the following diagram:

$$\text{lob } S\mathcal{E}[-1] \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{lob } S\mathcal{FID}[-,-1] \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{lob } S\mathcal{D}[-1]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow f & \\ \text{lob } S\mathcal{D}[-1] & \xleftarrow[\sim]{\epsilon_L^*} & \text{lob } DS\mathcal{D}[-,-1] \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{lob } S\mathcal{D}[-1] \\ & \downarrow f' & \\ & & \parallel \end{array}$$

The maps marked by \sim are weak equivalences by the lemmas on pp. 238 and 210. Finally, the assumption and the lemma on p. 210 show that the map ϵ_R' , too, is a weak equivalence. Hence, the left-hand vertical map f is a weak equivalence as stated.

Proof (of the additivity theorem) We wish to show that

$$K(S\mathcal{E}[2]), \longrightarrow K(\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}),$$

$$\parallel \qquad \parallel$$

$$\text{INwS}(S\mathcal{E}[2])[-,-1] \longrightarrow \text{INwS}(\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-,-1]$$

is a weak equivalence. We first

show that it suffices to show that,
for all \mathcal{E} , the map

$$\text{lob } S(S\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_2])[-1] \xrightarrow{(\text{cl}_2, \text{cl}_0)} \text{lob } S(\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-1]$$

is a weak equivalence. We define
 $\text{N}\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1]$ to be the functor category

$$\text{N}\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1] = \mathcal{E}^{[\mathbb{F}_1]}$$

So $\text{ob}(\text{N}\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1]) = N\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1]$. We also
define the category

$$\text{N}^w\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1] \subset \text{N}\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1]$$

to be the full subcategory with

$$\text{ob}(\text{N}^w\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1]) = N^w\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1].$$

A map in $\text{N}^w\mathcal{E}[\mathbb{F}_1]$ is a diagram

$$c_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} c_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \dots \xrightarrow{\sim} c_n$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ c'_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} c'_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \dots \xrightarrow{\sim} c'_n$$

where the horizontal maps are weak

equivalences but where the vertical maps are allowed to be any maps that make the diagram commute. We define this map to be a cofibration (resp. weak equivalence) if all the vertical maps are cofibrations (resp. weak equivalences) in the category \mathcal{C} . This makes $N^w\mathcal{C}[-]$ a simplicial category with cofibrations and weak equivalences. Moreover, we have a canonical isomorphism of simplicial categories with cofibrations and weak equivalences

$$N^wS\mathcal{C}[-] \cong S^{N^w\mathcal{C}[-]}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} N^wS\mathcal{C}[-] &= \text{ob}(N^wS\mathcal{C}[-]) \\ &\cong \text{ob } S^{N^w\mathcal{C}[-]}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the lemma on p. 210, to show that

$$(d_2, d_0)$$

$$|N^wS(S\mathcal{C}[-])[-]| \longrightarrow |N^wS(\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C})|$$

is a weak equivalence, it suffices to show that, for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\text{lob } S(S(N^n \mathcal{E}[n]) \Gamma_2)[-1]$$

$$\xrightarrow{(d_2, d_0)} \text{lob } S(N^n \mathcal{E}[n] \times N^n \mathcal{E}[n])[-1]$$

is a weak equivalence. So it is enough to show that, for all \mathcal{E} ,

$$\text{lob } S(S \mathcal{E} \Gamma_2)[-1] \xrightarrow{(d_2, d_0)} \text{lob } S(\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-1]$$

is a weak equivalence as stated.

To prove this, we apply the prop. on p. 245 to the functor

$$S \mathcal{E} \Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{(d_2, d_0)} \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}$$

$$(A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B) \mapsto (A, B)$$

We must show that, for fixed $n \geq 0$, the map that to the object

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_m$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_m$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_m$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_m \rightarrow S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S_n$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_m \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow T_n$$

assigns

$$* = * = \dots = *$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow$$

$$* = * = \dots = *$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow$$

$$* = * = \dots = *$$

$$* = * = \dots = * = S_0/S_0 \rightarrow S_1/S_0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S_n/S_0$$

$$* = * = \dots = * = T_0/T_0 \rightarrow T_1/T_0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow T_n/T_0$$

induces a weak equivalence

$$\text{lob } S(d_2, d_0) | (\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-, n] |$$

$$\xrightarrow{\sim} \text{lob } S(d_2, d_0) | (\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-, n] |.$$

We first give a simplicial homotopy from the map that to the object on the top of p. 250 assigns the object

$$* = * = \dots = *$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_m$$

$$\parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_m$$

$$* = * = \dots = * = S_0/S_0 \rightarrow S_1/S_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S_n/S_0$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_m \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow T_n.$$

let $x_i = c_i + \frac{s_0}{a_i}$ such that

$$A_i \rightarrow S_0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$c_i \rightarrow x_i$$

$$\downarrow \quad \parallel$$

$$B_i = B_j$$

Then for $a = 1 : [m] \rightarrow [n]$, we use the map above. If $a(0) = \dots = a(i) = 0$ and $a(i+1) = \dots = a(m) = 1$, $0 \leq i < m$, we map the object on top of p. 250 to

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 A_1 & \rightarrow & \cdots & \rightarrow & A_i & \rightarrow & S_0 = \cdots = S_0 \\
 \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 C_1 & \rightarrow & \cdots & \rightarrow & C_i & \rightarrow & X_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_m \\
 \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 B_1 & \rightarrow & \cdots & \rightarrow & B_i & \rightarrow & B_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_m
 \end{array}$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_i \rightarrow S_0 = \cdots = S_0 = S_0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S_n$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow B_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_m \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow T_n.$$

This defines a simplicial homotopy

$$S(d_2, d_0) | (\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-] \times \Delta(1)[-]$$

$$\rightarrow S(d_2, d_0) | (\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})[-]$$

from the map that takes the object on top p. 250 to the object on top p. 251 to the identity map. We next define a simplicial homotopy from the map on page 250 to the map above.

For $a = 1: [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_1$ it is the map on p. 250. For $a: [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_1$ with $a(0) = \cdots = a(i) = 0$ and $a(i+1) = \cdots = a(m) = 1$,

$0 \leq i < m$, it takes the object on top p. 250 to the object

$$* = \dots = * = * = \dots = *$$

$$\curvearrowleft \quad \curvearrowleft \quad \curvearrowleft \quad \curvearrowleft$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow T_0 = \dots = T_0$$

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$$B_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow T_0 = \dots = T_0$$

$$* = \dots = * = * = \dots = * = S_0/S_0 \rightarrow S_1/S_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S_n/S_0$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow T_0 = \dots = T_0 = T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow T_n.$$

This shows that the hypothesis of the prop. on p. 245 is satisfied. The additivity theorem follows. //

The additivity theorem has several corollaries one of which is the theorem on p. 234. We refer to Waldhausen's paper in LNM 1126 for further reading.