

Recall  $\underline{\mathcal{T}}_G$  denotes the TGC of pointed  $G$ -spaces and nonequivariant maps.

symmetric monoidal category

$\mathcal{J}_G$  denotes the TGC whose objects are finite dimensional orthogonal representations of  $G$  and

$\underline{\mathcal{T}}_G$

$\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) = \text{Thom}(O(V, W); W - V)$  where  $O(V, W)$  is the Stiefel manifold of orthogonal embeddings  $V \rightarrow W$ . For each such embedding,  $W - V$  denotes the orthogonal complement of  $V$  in  $W$ . If  $\dim(W) < \dim(V)$ , there are no embeddings and  $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) = *$ .

$(\mathcal{T}^G, \wedge, S^0)$

If  $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) = O(V, W)_+$ .

$(\mathcal{T}, \wedge, S^0)$

If  $\dim(W) > \dim(V)$  then the space is connected.

$\mathcal{T}^G$

One has composition maps

$\mathcal{J}_G$

$$\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(U, V) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_G(U, W)$$

A  $G$ -spectrum is a functor  $X: \mathcal{J}_G \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{T}}_G$ . This means we have pointed  $G$ -spaces  $X_V$  and structure maps  $\mathcal{J}_G(V, W) \wedge X_V \rightarrow X_W$ .

$\mathcal{S}^G$

$\mathcal{S}^G$  denotes the category of  $G$ -spectra and nonequivariant maps.  $\mathcal{S}_G$  denotes the category of  $G$ -spectra and  $G$ -maps.

$\mathcal{S}_G$

Since a spectrum is a functor, a map between spectra is a natural transformation. These categories are complete and cocomplete, meaning they have all small limits and colimits.

For a spectrum  $X$  and space  $A$  we define a spectrum  $X \wedge A$  by  $(X \wedge A)_V = X_V \wedge A$ .

The spectrum  $S^{-V}$  is defined by  $(S^{-V})_W = \mathcal{J}_G(V, W)$ . With structure maps being the composition maps above.

Yoneda Lemma: Let  $C$  be a category with an object  $A$ . Then  $h^A := C(A, -)$  is a covariant set valued functor on  $C$ . Let  $F$  be another such functor. Then the set of natural transformations from  $h^A$  to  $F$  is  $F(A)$ .

If  $C$  is enriched in some way, then the functors  $h^A$  and  $F$  will take values in the new category, eg  $\underline{\mathcal{T}}_G$ .

Application:  $C = \mathcal{J}_G$ ,  $A = V$  and  $F = X$ . The "set" of natural transformations is the space of spectrum maps  $S^{-V} \rightarrow X$  is  $X_V$ .

Reflexive coequalizers: Consider the category  $W$  with two objects  $A$  and  $B$  and three morphisms  $f, g: A \rightarrow B$  and  $s: B \rightarrow A$  with  $fs = gs = 1_B$ . A functor  $W \rightarrow C$  is a diagram in  $C$  which may have a colimit called the reflexive coequalizer.

Example:  $C = \text{Ab}$  and  $A_n = \mathbb{Z}$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Let there be a map  $A_n \rightarrow A_{n+1}$  that is multiplication by 2. The colimit of

$A_0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow \dots$  is  $Z[\frac{1}{2}]$ . It can also be described as a reflexive coequalizer as follows.

$$A = \bigoplus_{m,n \geq 0} A_{m,n} \text{ where } A_{m,n} = Z$$

$$B = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} A_m \text{ where } A_m = Z$$

$$f: A_{m,n} \rightarrow A_{m+n} \text{ via multiplication by } 2^n$$

$$g: A_{m,n} \rightarrow A_m \text{ via multiplication by } 1.$$

$$s: A_m \rightarrow A_{m,0} \text{ via multiplication by } 1.$$

Then the reflexive coequalizer is  $Z[\frac{1}{2}]$ .

Here is a diagram whose reflexive coequalizer is a spectrum  $X$ .

$$A = \bigvee_{V,W} \square S^{-W} \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(V,W) \wedge X_V$$

$$B = \bigvee_V \square S^{-V} \wedge X_V$$

$f = i \wedge X_V$  where  $i: S^{-W} \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(V,W) \rightarrow S^{-V}$  is the structure map. On  $U$  its

$\mathcal{J}_G(W,U) \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(V,W) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_G(V,U)$ , the composition map.

$g = S^{-W} \wedge j$  where  $j: \mathcal{J}_G(V,W) \wedge X_V \rightarrow X_W$  is the structure map for  $X$ .

$g: S^{-W} \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(V,W) \wedge X_V$  to  $S^{-W} \wedge X_W$ .

$$A_U = \bigvee_{V,W} \square \mathcal{J}_G(W,U) \wedge \mathcal{J}_G(V,W) \wedge X_V$$

$$B_U = \bigvee_V \square \mathcal{J}_G(V,U) \wedge X_V$$

The coequalizer is  $X_U$ . Hence the spectrum coequalizer is  $X$ .

This can be written as

$X = \text{colim}_V S^{-V} \wedge X_V$ , a colimit of "desuspension" spectra. This is the tautological presentation of  $X$ .