

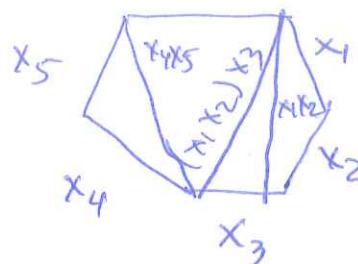
Associativity and higher Segal structures

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Bracketings of
 $x_1 \dots x_n$



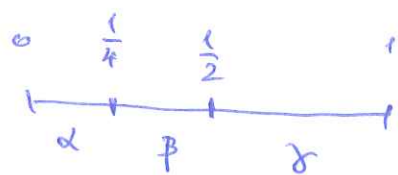
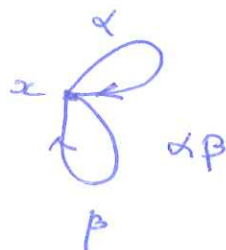
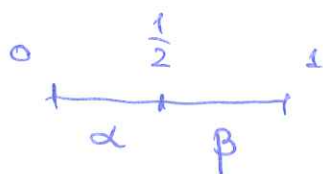
Triangul.
of $(n+1)$ gon
 $((x_1 x_2) x_3) (x_4 x_5)$



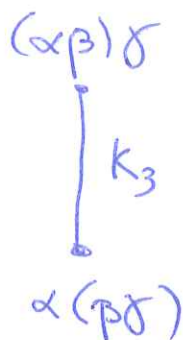
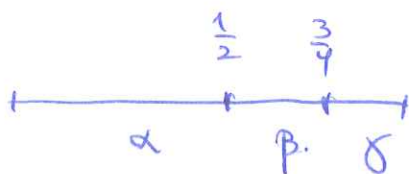
K_n Stasheff polytope
(associahedron)

Reason why smth. is associative: always interesting!

Ex. 1. Why $\pi_1(X, x)$ is associative?



homotopy



(Torsor over)

$$K_n \hookrightarrow \text{Homeo}(I, I)$$

$$\text{Vert}(K_n) \hookrightarrow \text{Thompson group}$$

K_n : finite-dim approx of ∞ -dim group

Ex. 2. Hall algebras

A abelian category "finitistic" $\leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Hom}(A, B) \\ \text{Ext}^i(A, B) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{finite} \\ \text{sets} \end{matrix}$

e.g. $\{\text{finite ab. groups}\}$, or ab. p-groups

$k = F_q$ $\text{Rep}_k(\Gamma)$ representations = $k\Gamma\text{-mod}$
quiver

X/k proj. var. $\text{Coh}(X)$

$H(A)$ $\mathbb{C}$ -vect. space basis e_A $A \in \text{ob } \mathcal{A}/\text{Iso}$

Mult. $e_A \cdot e_B = \sum_{\substack{C \\ \in \text{ob } \mathcal{A}/\text{iso}}} g_{AB}^C e_C$

$g_{AB}^C = \# \text{ sub-objects } A' \subset C$

$A' \simeq A$ type A

$C/A' \simeq B$ cotype B

Ex 1 $\mathcal{A} = k\text{-Vect}$ $k = F_q$

$e_n = e_{k^n}$ $e_m \cdot e_n = \sum_{\text{partition}} \binom{m+n}{m}_q e_{m+n}$

divided power algebra

$e_A = \frac{e_1^n}{[n!]_q}$

$\# G(m, F_q^{m+n})$

Ex. 2 (Ringel)

$$A = \text{Rep}_k \Gamma$$

say Γ Dynkin quiver

ADE

$\mathfrak{g}_\Gamma$ corr. simple Lie

$$H(\text{Rep}_k \Gamma) = U_q(h_\Gamma^+)$$

pos. part. of quantum grp.

h_Γ^+ nilpotent

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{sl}_{n+1}$$

$$\Gamma = A_n$$



$i \in \text{Vert}(\Gamma) \rightarrow k_i$ simple module

$\S$

$$e_i = e_{k_i} \in H(A)$$

$[e_i, e_j] = 0$ if i, j not connected



& a cubic rel. if connected
Serre rel.

q -analog of $[e_i, [e_i, e_j]] = 0$
in $\mathfrak{g}$

Why associative?

Short answer: b/c

$$(e_A e_B) e_C \quad \text{and} \quad e_A (e_B e_C) \quad \text{Both} = \sum_{\mathcal{D}} g_{ABC}^{\mathcal{D}} e_{\mathcal{D}}$$

Filtrations "emerge"
in two different ways

$$g_{ABC}^{\mathcal{D}} = \# \text{ filtrations}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 \subset \mathcal{D}_2 \subset \mathcal{D}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 \simeq A, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 / \mathcal{D}_1 \simeq B, \quad \mathcal{D} / \mathcal{D}_2 \simeq C$$

Want better understanding in order to

- Take $k = \mathbb{C}$, not F_q , and $\text{for } \mathcal{G}_{AB}^C$
 Use $\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}$ (space of subobjects), not # of subobj.
 Use not $\bigoplus \mathbb{C} \cdot e_A = \text{Fun}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{ob } A / \text{iso})$ (funct. with finite sup)
 but $H_c^\bullet$ (moduli space / stack of objects)
 (Cohomological Hall alg.)
- Use more general categories $\mathcal{A}$ (not abelian)
 sub-object $\sim ?$ triangulated

Groupoid interpretation

$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = (\mathcal{A}, \text{isomorphisms only})$ groupoid
 Orbitoid $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{groupoid}^{\mathcal{G}}$ with all $|\text{Aut}(x)| < \infty$

$\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{G}) = \text{fin. supp. functions } f: \text{ob } \mathcal{G} / \text{iso} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\int_{\mathcal{G}} f = \sum_{x \in \text{ob } \mathcal{G} / \text{iso}} \frac{f(x)}{|\text{Aut}(x)|}$$

$\mathcal{G}: \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$ functor of groupoids

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{G}) \xleftarrow{\varphi^*} \mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}) \quad \varphi^*: \text{pullback}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} \mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}) \quad \mathcal{G} / \mathcal{H} = \text{group. of pairs } x \in \text{ob } \mathcal{G}$$

defined when $\mathcal{G}$ proper:

$$(\mathcal{G} / \mathcal{H}) / \text{iso} \text{ finite} \quad \varphi(x) \xrightarrow{\sim} y$$

$$\{x_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2, p_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{u} p_2(x_2)\}$$

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$$(\varphi_* f)(y) = \int_{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathcal{G} \\ \varphi(x) \xrightarrow{u} y \end{array} \right\} \in \mathcal{G}/y} f(x) \quad \left\| \begin{array}{l} \text{usual properties} \\ \text{e.g. base change} \\ \mathcal{G}_1 \times \mathcal{G}_2 \xrightarrow{u} \mathcal{H} \\ \downarrow q_1 \quad \downarrow q_2 \\ \mathcal{G}_1 \quad \mathcal{G}_2 \\ \downarrow p_1 \quad \downarrow p_2 \\ \mathcal{H} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{"homotopy" fiber} \\ \text{product} \\ q_2 \circ q_1 = p_2 \circ p_1 \end{array}$$

SES(A) = groupoid of

$$S = \{ 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0 \}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 1 & \\ \partial_2 \swarrow & & \searrow \partial_0 \\ 0 & \partial_1 & 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ \partial_2 S & \partial_1 S & \partial_0 S \end{array}$$

$$SES(A) \xrightarrow{\partial_0, \partial_1, \partial_2} A^\sim$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & SES(A) & \\ \swarrow (\partial_2, \partial_0) & & \searrow \partial_1 \\ A^\sim \times A^\sim & & A^\sim \end{array}$$

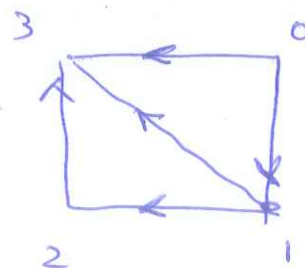
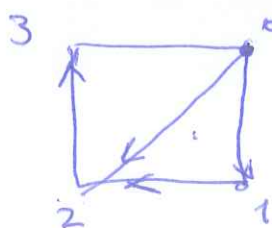
$$H(A) \otimes H(A) \xrightarrow{m} H(A)$$

$\parallel$

$$F_0(A^\sim \times A^\sim) \xrightarrow{(\partial_2, \partial_0)^*} F_0(SES(A)) \xrightarrow{\partial_1^*} F_0(A^\sim)$$

Underlying associativity of $H(A)$ is

Flip property.



$$SES(A)_{\substack{\times \\ \partial_0 \partial_2 \\ A^\sim}}^h SES(A) \simeq SES(A)_{\substack{\times \\ \partial_0 \partial_1 \\ A^\sim}}^h SES(A)$$

(= groupoid of 2-term fibrations)

Which holds for any A , finitistic or not.

Language of simplicial objects

Simplicial set X : sets $X_n, n \geq 0$ (of n -simplices)

$$\partial_i: X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1} \quad i=0, \dots, n \quad \text{faces}$$

$$s_i: X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1} \quad \text{degeneracies}$$

relations $\partial_i \partial_j = \partial_{j-1} \partial_i \quad i > j$

Contraints:
= functors $\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}$

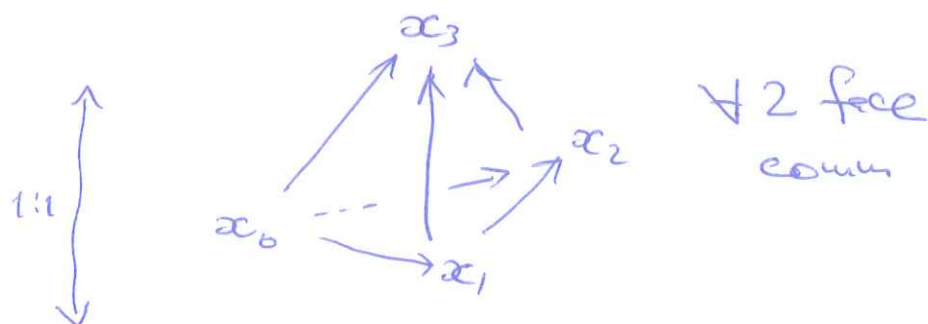
finite ordinals $[n] = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$
and monotone maps

$$\partial_i: [n-1] \rightarrow [n] \quad \text{missing } i$$

s_i sets
form Category $\Delta \text{ set}$

Ex. $\mathcal{C}$ category $\leadsto$ Nerve $N\mathcal{C}$ simpl. set

$$N_n \mathcal{C} = \{ \text{commutative } n\text{-simplices in } \mathcal{C} \}$$



$x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_n$ chains of composable

Simplicial objects in any category $\mathcal{E}$: similarly

$$X_n \in \mathcal{E} \quad \partial_i, s_i \text{ morphisms in } \mathcal{E}$$

$$\Delta^0 \mathcal{E} : \text{these cat.} = \text{Fun}^0(\Delta, \mathcal{E})$$

Simplicial top. spaces
vect. spaces
groups
...

Simplicial categories: 2 versions

strict ones:

$$\partial_i \partial_j = \partial_j \partial_i$$

Cat as category

Will use this

lax ones:

$$\partial_i \partial_j \simeq \partial_j \partial_i$$

Cat as 2-cat

Known as pseudo-simplicial

Waldhausen S-construction A abelian category

$$S_*(A) = \{ S_n(A), \partial_i, s_i \} \text{ simplicial groupoid}$$

$$S_0(A) = \text{pt}$$

$$S_1(A) = \mathcal{A}^{\sim} \quad S_2(A) = \text{SES}(A)$$

$S_n(A)$ = category ^(groupoid) of diagrams $\S \Sigma$

$$A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A} \quad 0 \leq i < j \leq n$$

+ morphisms
transitive

$$A_{ij} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{ij}^{kl}} A_{kl} \text{ for } \begin{matrix} i < j \\ \wedge & \wedge \\ k < l \end{matrix}$$

ie. functors

$$\text{Pairs } \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \\ \text{poset}$$

such that: $\forall i < j < k$ the seq.

$$0 \rightarrow A_{ij} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{ij}^{ik}} A_{ik} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{ik}^{jk}} A_{jk} \rightarrow 0$$

is exact

$n=3$ octahedron

$\S \Sigma$

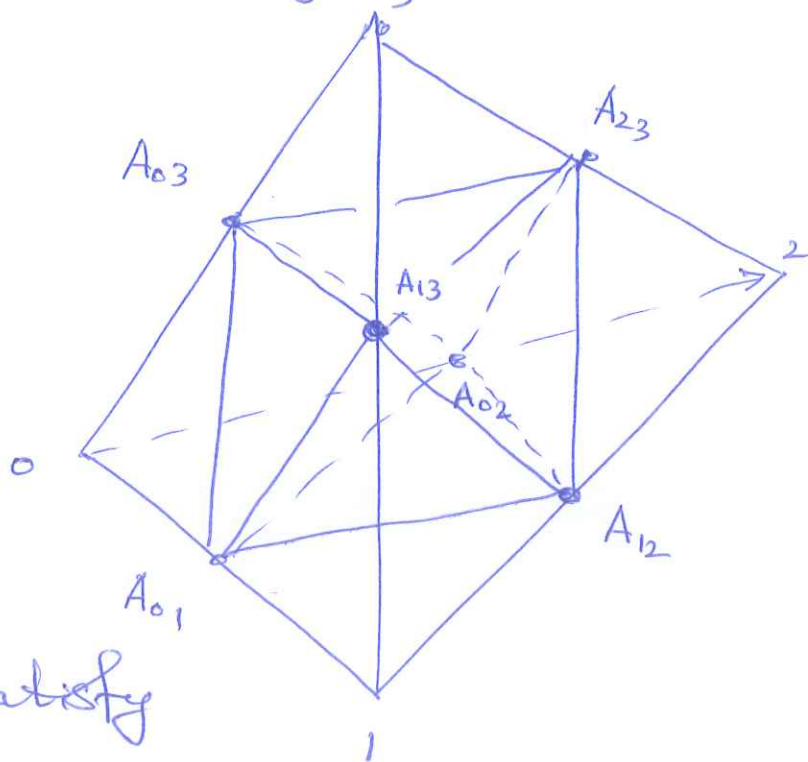


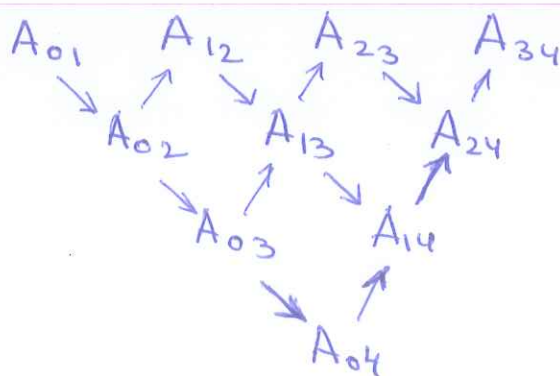
equiv. of
groupoids

$$\{ A_{01} \hookrightarrow A_{02} \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow A_{0n} \}$$

$$\text{Filt}_n(A)$$

but $\partial_i: S_n \rightarrow S_{n-1}$ satisfy
relations strictly

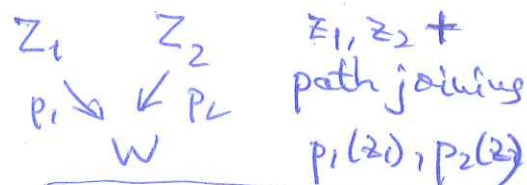




2-Segal property

usual fiber product

X simplicial $\begin{cases} \text{set} \\ \text{groupoid} \\ \text{top. space} \end{cases} \} \exists \text{ concept of } \underline{\text{homotopy}} \text{ fiber product}$



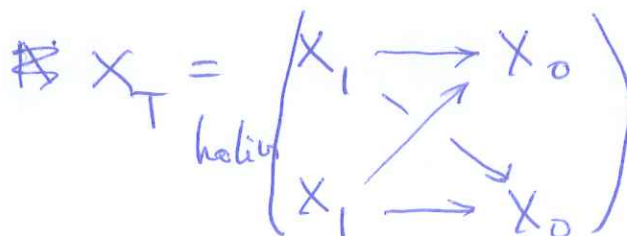
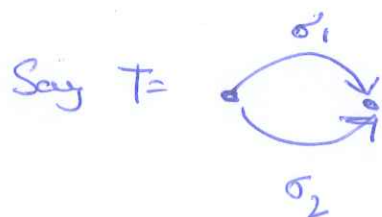
More generally, homotopy limit

$\xleftarrow{\text{holim}} I_\alpha$ not just paths but mapped simplices

T a simpl. set

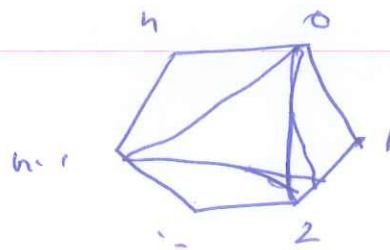
$X_T = \text{Map}^h(T, X) \begin{cases} \text{set} \\ \text{groupoid} \\ \text{space} \end{cases}$

$\xleftarrow[\text{set}]{\text{holim}} X_{\dim(\sigma)}$



Membrane space

$P_{n+1} = (n+1)$ gon
vert. numbered

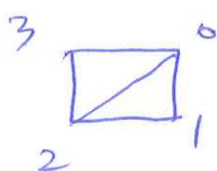


T triangulation

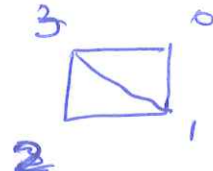
$$y_T : P_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$$

any triangle $\xrightarrow{1:1}$ corr. 2-face of Δ^n

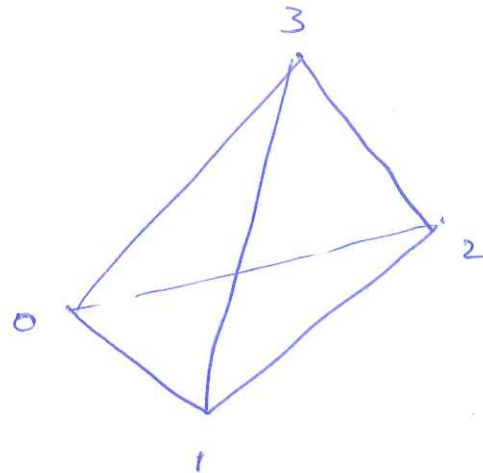
~~Well known lemma~~



back



front



$$\sigma_T : X_n = X_{\Delta^n} \longrightarrow X_T$$

Def. X is called 2-Segal if for each n and each triangulation T of P_n the map σ_T is an equivalence.

Th. For any abelian cat. $\mathcal{A}$ the simpl. groupoid $S.(A)$ is 2-Segal

Toen: derived tHA

A formalism $\begin{array}{ccc} Y_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & Z(Y_1) \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ Y & & Z(Y) \end{array}$

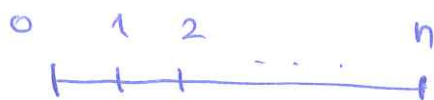
gives a Hall algebra $H(X)$ X 2-Segal space with $X_0 = pt$

2-Segal and 1-Segal

X simplicial set, Grothendieck asked: when $X = \mathcal{N}C$ for some cat- C ?

$$X_n = \{ x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_n \}$$

system of 1-simplices



Answer: when for any "triangulation" T of $[0, n]$ with vertices in $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ the map

$$X_n \longrightarrow X_T \text{ is a bijection} \quad T = 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n$$

enough:

$$X_n = X_{\perp} \times_{X_0} X_{\perp} \times_{X_0} \dots \times_{X_0} X_{\perp} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{for } T = \text{triang.} \\ \text{into unit intervals} \end{array} \right)$$

This is called (1-)Segal: 1-Segal simpl. sets $\leftrightarrow$ categories

also for simpl. spaces (then $X_{\perp} \times_{X_0} \dots \times_{X_0} X_{\perp}$)

Th: 1-Segal ^{simpl.} spaces $\leftrightarrow$ $(\infty, 1)$ -categories
[Lurie, Rezk, ...]

Prop 1-Segal $\Rightarrow$ 2-Segal

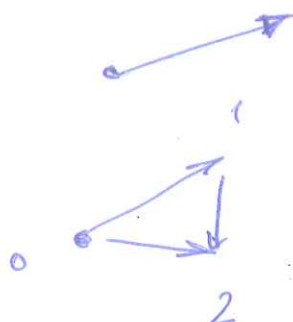
Path space criterion X simpl. object set

$P^\Delta X$ left path space [Illusie]

$$(P^\Delta X)_0 = X_1$$

$$(P^\Delta X)_1 = X_2$$

...



new vertex

edge path from $[0,1]$ to $[0,2]$

$$\Delta \hookrightarrow \Delta$$

finite ordinals

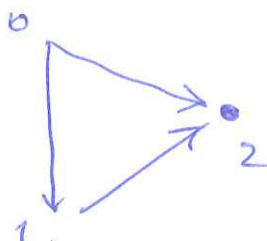
$$I \mapsto \begin{array}{l} * \sqcup I \\ * < I \end{array}$$

$P^\nabla X$ right path space

$$(P^\nabla X)_0 = X_1$$

$$(P^\nabla X)_1 = X_2$$

...



path from $[0,2]$ to $[1,2]$

$$\Delta \hookrightarrow \Delta$$

$$I \mapsto I \sqcup * \quad I < *$$

Make sense for any simpl. object $X \in \Delta^o \mathcal{C}$

Th If $X \in \Delta^o \mathcal{C}$ is such that

$P^\Delta X$ and $P^\nabla X$ are 1-Segal,

then X is 2-Segal

Further examples of 2-Segal simplicial sets

(1) Cyclic nerve of a category $\mathcal{C}$

$$NC_n(\mathcal{C}) = \{ x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_n \}$$

(1') The factorization nerve. R ring ~~the~~ $w \in \text{Center}(R)$.

Matrix fact

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_0 & \xrightarrow{d} & M_1 \\ M_0 & \xleftarrow{d} & M_1 \\ & d^2 = w & \end{array}$$

(2) Bruhat-Tits building

$$k \text{ field } K = k((t)) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O} = k[[t]]$$

Laurent Taylor

V/K n -dim space

$$\Gamma(V) = \{ \mathcal{O}\text{-lattices in } V \}$$

$\mathcal{O}$ -subm. $L \subset$

$$K \otimes L \cong V$$

e.g. $V = K^n$

$$L = \mathcal{O}^n$$

or $t^{d_1} \mathcal{O} \oplus \dots \oplus t^{d_n} \mathcal{O}$

$BT(V)$ simpl. set

$$BT_n(V) = \{ (L_0 \subset L_1 \subset \dots \subset L_n \subset t^{-1} L_0) \mid L_i \in \Gamma(V) \}$$

just this would give

$$N(\Gamma(V), \leq)$$

1-Segal

$BT(V)$ is 2-Segal

Simplicial objects and cyclic objects

$$[n] \longrightarrow X_n$$

$\neq$ finite
ordinals
($I, \leq$)

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{X} \mathcal{E} \quad \text{simp. object}$$

$\cap$

cyclic object is such functor

finite $\neq \emptyset$
"cyclic ordinals"

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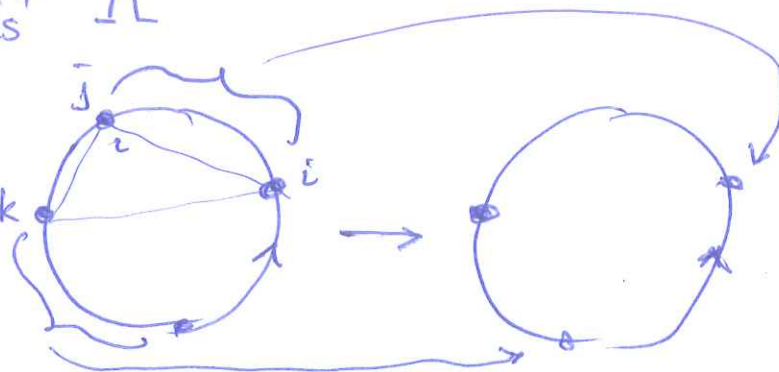
I with

cyclic order k

$\parallel$

$$I \hookrightarrow S^1$$

mod isotopy



oriented
circle

ternary relation

$$\text{Hom}(I \hookrightarrow S^1, J \hookrightarrow S^1) =$$

$$= \pi_0 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{nonstrictly} \\ \text{monotone} \end{array} \underline{\text{degree 1}} \text{ maps } (S^1, I) \rightarrow (S^1, J) \right\}$$

[Connes]

$$\langle n \rangle = \{ (n+1)\text{th roots of } 1 \}$$

Cyclic
obj

$$X = \text{simp. object} +$$

$$\tau_n: X_n \rightarrow X_n \quad \tau_n^{n+1} = \text{Id}$$

with relation

Ex Cyclic nerve $NC(\mathcal{C})$ is a cyclic set

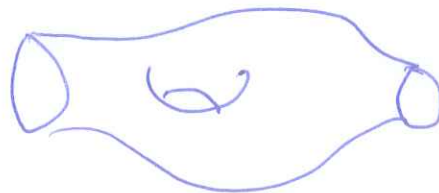
Interesting - 2-Segal cyclic ~~obj~~ spaces

$\uparrow$

as simplicial
ones

Triangulation complex of a marked surface

(S, M) S compact, oriented top. surface
possibly with ∂S



$\emptyset \neq M \subset S$ finite s.t.:

1) $\forall$ component of ∂S (if any) has at least one pt. of M

2) $\chi(S, M) = \chi(S) - |M| < 0$

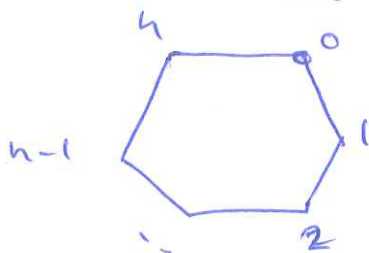
$(\Sigma_g, \text{one pt})$ OK

Ex 1)  $S = \mathbb{T}^2, M = \{0\}$



~~2) $S = \mathbb{P}^2, M = \{0\}$~~

2) $S = P_{n+1}$ $(n+1)$ -gon, $M = \{\text{vertices}\}$

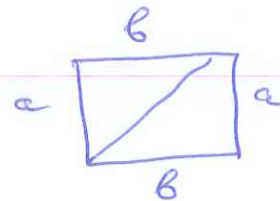


$K_{S, M}$ ("surface associahedron") CW-complex

Vert = curved triangulations of S
with vertices in M / isotopy

$\Pi \text{ Stasheffs} = \text{faces (cells)} \leftrightarrow \text{curved polygonal decompositions / isot}$
e.g. edges = flips of curved triang

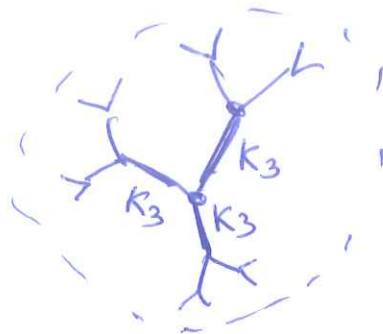
Ex. $K_{\mathbb{T}^2, 0} = ?$



Standard
triang
3 edges.

Can flip any of 3

infinite
tree



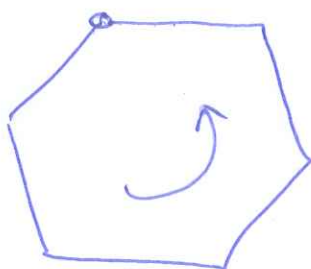
Fund. fact ("Teichmüller theory") $K_{S, n}$ is
contractible (typically not a convex polytope)

Surface Membrane spaces assoc to 2-Segal
cyclic spaces

X 2-Segal cyclic $\begin{cases} \text{set} \\ \text{grp} \\ \text{space} \end{cases}$

I cyclically ord. set $\Rightarrow X_I$ makes sense

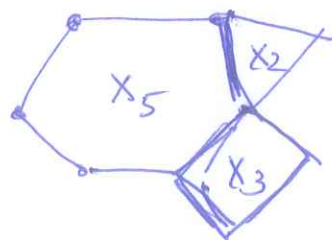
! $P \subset S$ curved polygon (~~all~~ vertices possibly
coinciding)



$\Rightarrow Ed(P)$ cyclically ordered
(by orient. of S)

T triang. of (S, M) or polyg. decomp. $\rightarrow$ can form X_T $\begin{cases} \text{set} \\ \text{grid} \\ \text{space} \end{cases}$

$$\dots X_3 \overset{h}{\times} \underset{X_1}{X_5} \overset{h}{\times} X_2 \dots$$



numbering of vertices not important

$= \text{"Map"}(T, X)$ Membrane space.

The X_T canonically (coherently) independent of T (up to equiv.)

Pf Contractibility of $K_{S, M}$

So we have a canonical $X_{S, M} = \text{any } X_T$

Making S-construction cyclic: derived category

$$S_2(A) = SES(A)$$

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$$

no $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{D}^b(A) \text{ derived cat.} = \text{Compl}(A)[qis^{-1}]$$

$$f: A^\bullet \rightarrow B^\bullet \text{ qis if}$$

$$A^\bullet = \{ \dots \rightarrow A^i \xrightarrow{d_i} A^{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} \dots \}$$

$d^2 = 0$

$$f_*: H^i(A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(B) \quad \forall i$$

$$H^i(A) = \text{Ker } d_i / \text{Im } d_{i+1}$$

$$(\Sigma A)^i = A^{i+1}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{D}^b(A) = \mathcal{E}$$

$$\mathcal{A}$$

shifted complex

$\exists$ class of exact triangles

$$\Sigma(A) \quad A^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$$

1) Any SES in $\mathcal{A}$ gives an exact tr. in $\mathcal{E}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A^\bullet & \rightarrow C^\bullet \\ & \uparrow +1 & \downarrow \\ \Sigma(A) & B^\bullet & \end{array}$$

2) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ rotation of an

$\tau_2(\Delta)$ also exact tr. is exact tr.!

$$\begin{array}{c} \underbrace{\Sigma C \xrightarrow{-1} \Sigma A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \xrightarrow{\delta} \Sigma(A)}_{\text{exact tr. } \Delta} \end{array}$$

exact tr. Δ

3 times rotation gives

$$\Sigma^{-2} A \rightarrow \Sigma^{-2} B \rightarrow \Sigma^{-2} C \rightarrow \Sigma^{-1}(A)$$

(-2)-shifted triangle

$$\tau_2^3 = \Sigma^{-2}, \text{ not Id}$$

2-periodic deriv. cat. $\mathcal{D}^{(2)}(A)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & d & \\ A^{\bar{0}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A^{\bar{1}} \\ & d & \end{array}$$

$$A^{\circ} \quad A^{\bar{c}} = A^{\bar{c}+2}$$

$$d_{\bar{c}} = d_{\bar{c}+2}$$

Then $\tau_2^3 = \text{Id}$.

dg-enhancement For $\mathcal{D}(A)$

$$\underline{\mathbb{H}\text{om}^{\bullet}(A^{\bullet}, B^{\bullet})} : \text{complex} = \text{Hom}^{\bullet}(P_{A^{\bullet}}, P_{B^{\bullet}})$$

proj. resol.

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(A, B) = H^0 \text{ of this complex}$$

dg-categories $\mathcal{E} : \quad \forall \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}}(x, y)$

made into a complex of k -vect. spaces
in a comp. way

$$H^{\bullet}(\mathcal{E}) : \text{new category, Hom} = H^{\bullet}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}})$$

Can work with dg-cat. like with
spaces: quasi-equivalences
homot. fiber products

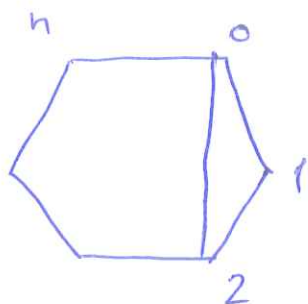
Can speak about 2-Segal simplicial
dg-categories. or cyclic.

S-construction for dg-categories

k field $\text{Rep}_k(A_n)$ $1 \xrightarrow{2} \dots \xrightarrow{n-1} n$

$k_{[i,j]}$ $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ indecompos

$i \mapsto i-1$ labels $0 \leq i < j \leq n$



= chords C in P_{n+1}
(including sides)

k_C : corr. repr.

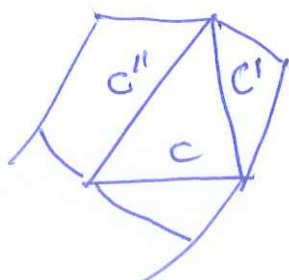
$\mathbb{Z}_n$ $\mathcal{D}^{(2)} \text{Rep}(A_n)$ "root category"

indec: k_C and $\sum k_C$ $\sum^2 = \text{Id}$

label: oriented chords C
 $i \rightarrow j$

Geometrically 1) Hom or $\text{Ext}^i(k_C, k_{C'}) \neq 0$
only if $C \cap C' \neq \emptyset$

2) SES or exact triangles: - Coxeter functor



This is all $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$ -invariant

$\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$ acts on $\mathcal{D}^{(2)} \text{Rep}(A_n)$

Th $\exists$ dg-categories $S_n \sim \mathcal{D}^{(2)} \text{Rep}(A_n)$ which form
a $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$ cyclic object in dg-cat.

NB An exact triangle in $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{D}^b(A)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \\ \text{a dg-functor} & \mathcal{D}^b \text{Rep}(A_2) \rightarrow \mathcal{E} & \\ & \mathcal{D}^{(2)} & \not\cong \mathcal{E} \text{ 2-per.} \end{array}$$

Now $\mathcal{E}$ any 2-periodic dg-cat

$$S_n(\mathcal{E}) = \text{dgfun}(S_n, \mathcal{E})$$

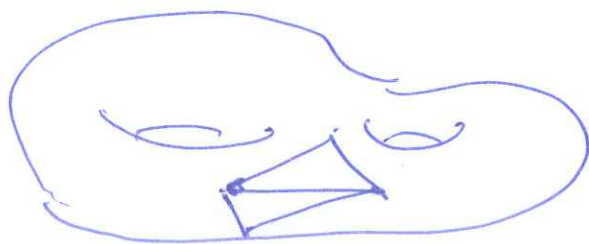
Th. These form a 2-Segal cyclic dg-cat.

Cor. To every marked surface (S, M) one can associate a dg-cat

$$\mathcal{F}(S, M', \mathcal{E}) = S(\mathcal{E})_{S, M}$$

= topological Fukaya cat.

analog of $H_1(S, M', \mathcal{E})$
ob. gr.



objects: T-systems
of exact triangles
T any triang.