

Crash Course in equiv theory Let G be a fixed, finite group. A G -space is a space X + a continuous action of G : $G \xrightarrow{\nu} \text{Aut}(X)$. A continuous map $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ is equivariant if $\forall g \in G, x \in X, f(g \cdot x) = g \cdot f(x)$. This gives us a category Top^G , and can also do htpy.

If $H \subseteq G$, then we can "forget": $L_H^*: \text{Top}^G \longrightarrow \text{Top}^H$. This has both adjoints

$$(L) \quad \underline{\coprod}_{G/H} = G \times_{H-} : \text{Top}^H \longrightarrow \text{Top}^G. \quad G \times_{H-} X = \frac{G \times X}{(gh, z) \sim (g, hx)}. \Rightarrow [G \times_{H-} X, Y]^G \cong [X, L_H^* Y]^H.$$

$$(R) \quad \prod_{G/H} = \text{Map}^H(G, -) : \text{Top}^H \longrightarrow \text{Top}^G \Rightarrow [X, \text{Map}^H(G, Y)]^G \cong [L_H^* X, Y]^H.$$

The intuition is in representation theory: we have $L_H^*: \text{Rep}^G \longrightarrow \text{Rep}^H$ has

$$\text{Ind}_H^G(-) = \mathbb{R}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{R}[H]} (-) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}[H]}(\mathbb{R}[G], -) = \text{CoInd}_H^G(-)$$

For spaces, $G \times_{H-} X \ncong \text{Map}^H(G, X)$ are very different.

Example: $X = *$. $G \times_{H-} *$ $\cong G/H$ while $\text{Map}^H(G, *) \cong *$.

Genuine G -spectra fixes this, universally making $\coprod \cong \prod$:

Thm (Blumberg) Genuine G -spectra are universally characterized by this w.e.

The standard treatment of Sp^G are as $\text{Rep}(G)$ -graded sequences of G -spaces:

$$X_V \longrightarrow \sum^W X_{V \wedge W} \quad \forall V, W \in \text{Rep}(G). \quad \nexists \text{ this is the same data.}$$

Both induction & coinduction are the same construction: given a symmetric monoidal category

(\mathcal{C}, \otimes) we can always form $\otimes_{\mathbb{R}[H]} : \text{Fun}(BH, \mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(BG, \mathcal{C})$. For induction: \amalg , $\text{co-} \times$.

Spectra have another product: \wedge

Thm (H.-Hopkins-Ravenel) There is a homotopically meaningful, symmetric monoidal functor

$$N_H^G : \text{Sp}^H \longrightarrow \text{Sp}^G \quad \text{which commutes w/ sifted colimits} \nexists \quad N_H^G(S^V) \cong S^{\text{Ind}_H^G V}$$

$$\text{Ex / Prop: } N_H^G(\sum^{\infty} X_+) \cong \sum^{\infty} \text{Map}^H(G, X)_+$$

If we apply this with $H = G_2$ to MU_R , then we get

Def If $G = C_{2^n}$, let $MU^{(G)} = N_{C_2}^{G^n} MU_R$. Everything saw for MU_R works

One last ingredient: the slice filtration. Saw last time that cells of the form $D(\mathbb{C}^n)$ are geometrically natural. These are attached by $S(\mathbb{C}^n) \cong S^{np-1}$ regular rep

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For bigger groups, we want cells $\text{Map}^G(G, D(\mathbb{C}^n)) \cong D(n, p_G) \hookrightarrow S^{np_G-1}$

Since saw from N_H^G

Def A space/spectrum is slice $\geq n$ if it is in the localizing subcat generated by

$$G_+ \hat{\wedge} S^{h_{\mathbb{H}} - e}, \quad k \cdot |H| - e \geq n, \quad e = 0, 1.$$

In other words, these are the attaching maps for cells of the form we want.

Thm (HHR) The slice associated graded of $MU^{(G)}$ is $(\bigvee G_{n+1} \hat{\wedge} S^{h_{\mathbb{H}}})^n H\mathbb{Z}$.

Doug spoke about this here, so I'll focus on other aspects & consequences. In particular "even"

Thm (H-Hopkins) For all n , $S\mathbb{L}^\infty(S^{n\rho_H} MU^{(G)})$ has cells of the form $G_+ \hat{\wedge} D(m\rho_H)$. part of Gap Thm

Thm (HHR) For all $n \notin H$, $[G_+ \hat{\wedge} S^{n\rho_H}, MU^{(G)}]^G$ is f.g. free & $[G_+ \hat{\wedge} S^{n\rho_H-1}, MU^{(G)}]^G = 0$.

This is our prototype for even.

Def X is even if it is simply connected, built out of cells of the form $G_+ \hat{\wedge} D(m\rho_H)$, & $[S^{m\rho_H-1}, X]^H = 0 \quad \forall m, H$.

Ex If X is even for H , then $\text{Map}^H(G, X)$ is even for G .

Prop If X is even, then X is an H -space (with norms!)

So can do everything from before, including building primitive elements (on-going).

I haven't said anything about cohomology yet. The first issue is coefficients. This is back w/ induction, coinduction, etc. For any X , have $X \rightarrow \text{Map}^H(G, L_H^* X)$ for all $H \leq G$.

$\Rightarrow X^G \rightarrow (\text{Map}^H(G, X))^G \cong X^H$. If induction is coinduction, then have a map back.

This gives me a Mackey functor.

Def A Mackey functor is a pair of functors $\underline{M}_*, \underline{M}^*$ on finite G -sets st.

$$\odot \quad \underline{M}_*(T) = \underline{M}^*(T) \quad \nmid \quad \underline{M}_*(T_1 \sqcup T_2) \cong \underline{M}_*(T_1) \oplus \underline{M}_*(T_2)$$

$$\odot \quad \begin{array}{c} S' \xrightarrow{h'} S \\ f' \downarrow \text{p.b.} \downarrow f \\ T' \xrightarrow{h} T \end{array} \Rightarrow (h')_* \circ (f')^* = f^* \circ h_*$$

f_* = "transfer", f^* = "restriction".

Thm (Bredon) There is a good homology/cohomology theory w/ coeffs in any Mackey functor.

This is harder to work with. In particular, the natural transformations are not known.

Thm (Oruç) If \underline{M} is a Mackey field, then the \underline{M} -Steenrod alg is "essentially classical".

Thm (Hu-Kriz) The $RO(C_2)$ -graded \mathbb{F}_2 -Steinrod algebra is generated by certain lifts of the Steinrod squares to $RO(C_2)$ -graded classes.

We get something similar for $G = C_{2^n}$! Here slices come in.

Thm (HHR) There is an associative ring map $A \wedge S^\circ[G \cdot x_1, \dots] \rightarrow MU^{(G)}$ with

$$MU^{(G)} / G \cdot x_1, \dots = MU^{(G)} \wedge_A S^\circ = H\mathbb{Z}.$$

Now $H\mathbb{F}_2$ is orientable: $H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge MU^{(G)} = H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge B$, where $B \cong A$ (but not as A -modules)

$$\Rightarrow H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge H\mathbb{Z} \cong H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge (MU^{(G)} \wedge_A S^\circ) \cong (H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge B) \wedge_A S^\circ.$$

So it suffices to understand $A \rightarrow (H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge MU^{(G)})$, which is purely algebraic.

Caveat Audientis: $C_{2^n} \rightarrow S^\circ$ has cofiber $S^{\frac{n}{n-1}}$.