

# Homotopie II 2023-2024 - TD sheet A

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**Exercise 1.** Prove that the construction of  $L_S\mathcal{C}$  below Definition 1.27 in prof. Horel's notes actually satisfies the universal property of a localization. Hint: prove and use that epimorphisms of categories are stable under cobase change. Note that epimorphisms "of categories" do not mean "epimorphisms in the category of categories".

**Exercise 2** (by Victor Saunier). For simplicity, all rings are commutative.

1. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Show that  $A \otimes_C B \simeq A \coprod_C B$  in the category of  $R$ -algebras.
2. Let  $f, g : A \rightarrow B$  be two morphisms of a category  $\mathcal{C}$ . The coequalizer of  $f, g$  is the map  $h : B \rightarrow X$  given by the following universal property: for every  $\alpha : B \rightarrow C$  such that  $\alpha \circ f \simeq \alpha \circ g$ ,  $\alpha$  factors through  $h$ :

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} B \xrightarrow{h} \text{CoEq}(f, g) \cdots \rightarrow C$$

$\alpha$

- (a) Compute the coequalizer of two morphisms in  $\text{Set}$ . Is it different from the pushout  $B \coprod_A B$  of  $f$  and  $g$ ?
  - (b) Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  admits a zero object. Show the coequalizer of  $f$  and  $0$  is the cokernel of  $f$ .
  - (c) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category. Show that  $\text{CoEq}(f, g) \simeq \text{coker}(f - g)$ .
3. Let  $M$  be a commutative monoid,  $t \in M$ , and  $X$  a set with an action of  $M$ . We denote  $\phi_t : X \rightarrow X$  the morphism  $x \mapsto xt$ .

- (a) Compute the colimit of the following diagram in the category of  $M$ -sets:

$$X \xrightarrow{\phi_t} X \xrightarrow{\phi_t} X \xrightarrow{\phi_t} X \xrightarrow{\phi_t} \dots$$

and show that it is canonically endowed with an action of  $M[t^{-1}]$ .

- (b) Show that the functor  $M[t^{-1}]\text{-Set} \rightarrow M\text{-Set}$  which forgets the underlying action admits a left adjoint  $L$ , and then show that  $L(X)$  is the above colimit endowed with its  $M[t^{-1}]$ -action.
- (c) Show that  $L$  is a localisation functor.

4. Show that a functor  $L$  admitting a right adjoint preserves colimits.

**Exercise 3** (by Victor Saunier). Let  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $(C, F, W)$  be a model structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{A}_{/X}$  the category whose objects are maps  $\alpha : Y \rightarrow X$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and whose morphisms are commutative triangles

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & X \\ f \downarrow & \nearrow \alpha' & \\ Y' & & \end{array}$$

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Similarly, we denote  $C_{/X}$  (resp.  $F_{/X}, W_{/X}$ ) the morphisms of  $\mathcal{A}_{/X}$  as above where  $f \in C$  (resp.  $F, W$ ).

Show that  $(C_{/X}, F_{/X}, W_{/X})$  determines a model structure on  $\mathcal{A}_{/X}$ . We call it the *slice model structure*.

What are the fibrant objects on the above described model structure? The cofibrant objects?

**Exercise 4** (Rezk's model structure on  $\text{Cat}$ ). Denote  $\text{Cat}$  the category of small categories. We assume that it is complete and cocomplete. We let  $W$  denote equivalences of categories and  $C$  denote functors that are injective on objects. We let  $F$  denote functors  $H : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that for every isomorphism  $g : F(a) \rightarrow b$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ , there is a map  $f : a \rightarrow a'$  with  $g = F(f)$ ; such functors are called *isofibrations*.

Denote  $*$  the category with one object and no non-trivial arrows, and  $I$  the category with two objects  $0, 1$  and exactly one isomorphism in each direction. Let  $i : * \rightarrow I$  be the inclusion at  $0$ . Show that  $F = (\{i\})^\perp$ .

Show that  $W$  verifies 2-out-of-3, and that  $W, C$  and  $F$  are stable under retracts.

1. (a) Show that every functor  $H$  of  $C \cap W$  has a left inverse  $G$  which is also a quasi-inverse and such that the natural transformation  $FG \simeq \text{id}$  is equal to the identity on the image of  $F$ .  
 (b) Deduce that  $F \subset RLP(C \cap W)$ .
2. Show that  $C \subset^\perp (F \cap W)$ .
3. Let  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a functor. Denote  $\text{Path}(F) := \mathcal{A} \times_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B}^I$  where the map  $\mathcal{B}^I \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is the source map, and  $\text{Cyl}(F) := (\mathcal{A} \times I) \coprod_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{B}$ , the functor  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow I$  being the functor sending everything to  $\{1\}$ . Show that  $F$  factors through  $\text{Path}(F)$  and  $\text{Cyl}(F)$ ; deduce that  $(C, F, W)$  is a model structure on  $\text{Cat}$ .
4. What are the fibrant objects, the cofibrant objects?