

# Denotational semantics driven homology ?

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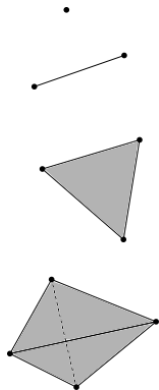
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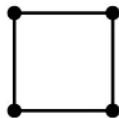
# Simplicial complexes

$\Delta^n$

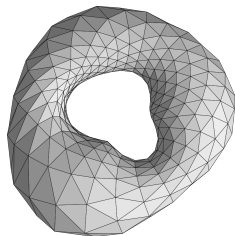


$S^{n-1} = \partial\Delta^n$

Coherent spaces



Triangulated space



# Simplicial homology, in 1 slide!

$$\text{ASC} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} \text{Chain}_{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_k} \text{Modules}_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

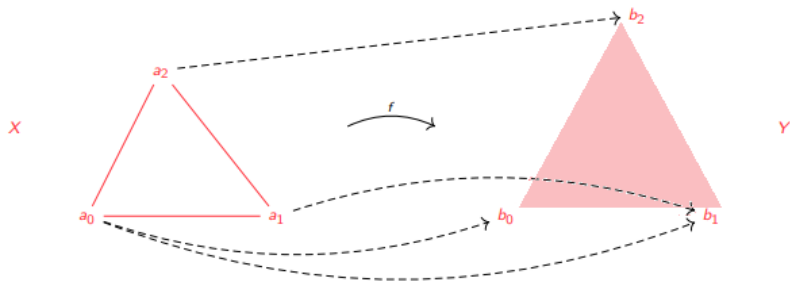
$$X \longmapsto (\mathcal{C}_k X, \partial_k^X)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \longmapsto \mathcal{H}_k X$$

If  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in ASC, then for  $\mathcal{C}f$  to be a morphism in  $\text{Chain}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  means that:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}_{k+1} X & \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}^X} & \mathcal{C}_k X & \longrightarrow & & \\
 & \downarrow \mathcal{C}_{k+1} f & & \downarrow \mathcal{C}_k f & & & \\
 \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}_{k+1} Y & \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}^Y} & \mathcal{C}_k Y & \longrightarrow & & 
 \end{array}$$

In topology, morphisms in ASC are (simplicial) *functions*. But a proof is interpreted as a (simplicial) *relation*! Let us call this category RelASC.

# Not clear how to lift $\mathcal{C}$ to a functor $\text{RelASC} \rightarrow \text{Chain}_{\mathbb{Z}}$



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (a_0, a_2) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & (a_2) - (a_0) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 C_{k+1}X & \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}^X} & C_kX \\
 C_{k+1}f \downarrow & & \downarrow C_k f \\
 C_{k+1}Y & \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}^Y} & C_kY \\
 & & \neq \\
 (b_0, b_2) + (b_1, b_2) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & 2(b_2) - (b_0) - (b_1)
 \end{array}$$

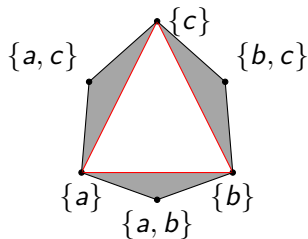
## We can be functorial! ...but we transform the spaces

We can define a monad  $\mathcal{I}$  on ASC such that:

$$\text{RelASC} \cong \text{ASC}_{\mathcal{I}} \xrightarrow{R_{\mathcal{I}}} \text{ASC} \xrightarrow{c} \text{Chain}_{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_k} \text{Modules}_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$X \longmapsto X \longmapsto \mathcal{I}X \longmapsto \mathcal{H}_k(\mathcal{I}X)$$

An example:  $S^1$  in red and  $\mathcal{I}S^1$  in grey. In this case,  $\mathcal{H}_k X = \mathcal{H}_k(\mathcal{I}X)$ .



## And so what?

Fix a “webbed” semantics  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ . Call  $[A]^{\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket}$  the asc with vertices  $\llbracket [A] \rrbracket$  and simplices the  $x \subseteq \llbracket [\pi] \rrbracket$ , for  $\pi : \vdash A$ .

### Corollary

If  $A$  and  $B$  are “type-isomorphic”, then  $\mathcal{H}_k(\mathcal{I}[A]^{Rel}) = \mathcal{H}_k(\mathcal{I}[B]^{Rel})$ .

- Morally,  $[A]^{Rel}$  represents the *geometrical* realisation of the *space* of the proofs of  $A$ , under the relational semantics. Study its geometry !
- Is  $\mathcal{H}_k X = \mathcal{H}_k(\mathcal{I}X)$  true for any  $X$  ? If yes, that is nice. If not, give a counterexample.
- Does  $\mathcal{I}$  have a logical/computational/geometrical meaning ?
- What about  $[A]^{Coh}$  ?
- Are  $n$ -holes related with sequentiality ? (Think of  $[Gustave]^{Coh}$ )

