

Introduction to stable homotopy theory

Exercise sheet n° 7

1. (Splitting lemma) Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map of spectra. Suppose there exists a map $s : Y \rightarrow X$ such that $f \circ s : Y \rightarrow Y$ is a weak equivalence. Let $i : F \rightarrow X$ be the homotopy fiber of f . Prove that the map $(i, s) : F \vee Y \rightarrow X$ is a weak equivalence.
2. This exercise proves that levelwise Hurewicz cofibrations satisfy some properties which are also satisfied by the cofibrations (retracts of relative cell spectra).
 - i. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map of spectra which is a levelwise Hurewicz cofibration. Observe that the pushout of f along another map is also a levelwise Hurewicz cofibration, and prove that if moreover f is a weak equivalence, then its pushout is so too.
 - ii. (Gluing lemma) Prove that given a commutative diagram of spectra as below, where the arrows $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X' \rightarrow Y'$ are levelwise Hurewicz cofibrations and the vertical maps are weak equivalences

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 Z & \longleftarrow & X & \longrightarrow & Y \\
 \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim \\
 Z' & \longleftarrow & X' & \longrightarrow & Y'
 \end{array}$$

the induced map of pushouts is a weak equivalence.

- iii. If $X^0 \rightarrow X^1 \rightarrow X^2 \rightarrow \dots$ is a sequence of levelwise Hurewicz cofibrations, prove that $\pi_n(\operatorname{colim}_i X^i) \cong \operatorname{colim}_i \pi_n(X^i)$. If moreover the maps in the sequence are all weak equivalences, then prove that the canonical map $X^0 \rightarrow \operatorname{colim}_i X^i$ is a weak equivalence.
- iv. Use the above to prove the following: if $A \in \operatorname{Top}_*$ is a pointed cell complex, then the functor $- \wedge A : \operatorname{Sp} \rightarrow \operatorname{Sp}$ preserves weak equivalences.