

Configuration space of intervals with partially summable labels

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Approximation to a mapping space

Theorem 1 (Milgram-May-Segal)

There exists a weak homotopy equivalence $C(\mathbb{R}^n, X) \rightarrow \Omega^n S^n X$, if X is path-connected.

- An approximation to a mapping space by a configuration space looks like

$$C(M, X) \simeq \text{map}(\hat{M}, \overline{(\tau M * X)})$$

(Milgram-May-Segal, McDuff, ...)

- In some cases, a system $\{C(M_n, X)\}$ can approximate a system of mapping spaces, that is, a homology theory. (Segal, Shimakawa, Tamaki,...)

Approximation to a mapping space

In most cases, an approximation map

$$C(M, X) \rightarrow \text{map}(\hat{M}, \overline{(\tau M * X)})$$

has geometric or physical interpretation. So this talk is about

a geometric model of a (mapping) space
with geometrically constructed approximation map.

Group completion

Theorem 2 (Segal-F.Cohen)

$C(\mathbb{R}^n, X) \rightarrow \Omega^n S^n X$ is a group completion if $n \geq 2$.

A group completion of an admissible topological monoid M can be constructed by a homotopy limit of a (possibly huge) diagram $\{\dots \rightarrow M \rightarrow M \rightarrow \dots\}$ given by multiplication by elements taken from each connected component of M .

This talk is also about

A geometric construction of a group completion

A partial abelian monoid is ...

A partial abelian monoid is

- almost an abelian monoid but with partially defined sum.
- suitable for configuration space construction.
- the additive part of an \mathbb{F}_1 -algebra.

Definition 1

A **topological partial abelian monoid** is a space M with base point 0 equipped with a subspace M_2 of $M \times M$ and a map $\mu : M_2 \rightarrow M$ which satisfies

- 1 $M \vee M \subset M_2$, and $\mu(m, 0) = \mu(0, m) = m$, for all $m \in M$,
- 2 $(m, n) \in M_2$ if and only if $(n, m) \in M_2$,
and $\mu(m, n) = \mu(n, m)$,
- 3 $(\mu(l, m), n) \in M_2$ if and only if $(l, \mu(m, n)) \in M_2$, and
 $\mu(\mu(l, m), n) = \mu(l, \mu(m, n))$.

We denote $\mu(m, n) = m + n$.

Examples

Extreme cases:

- 1 An abelian monoid is a partial abelian monoid.
- 2 A based space X can be regarded as a trivial partial abelian monoid by setting $X_2 = X \vee X$ and $\mu : X \vee X \rightarrow X$ the folding map. It is called a **trivial partial abelian monoid**.
- 3 Let M be an abelian monoid and N be a subset which contains 0. Then N is a partial abelian monoid if we set

$$N_2 = \{(n_1, n_2) \mid n_1 + n_2 \in N\}$$

and a sum coming from that in M .

Examples

- $\mathbb{N}_{\leq 1} = \{0, 1\}$ and $\mathbb{N}_{\leq 2} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ have multiplication tables

0	1
1	×

and

0	1	2
1	2	×
2	×	×

A product of partial abelian monoids

Y : a topological space

$$\text{mul}(Y) = \coprod_{n \geq 0} \text{SP}^n Y$$

— the free abelian monoid generated by $Y_+ = Y \amalg \{0\}$ with an appropriate topology, or equivalently, as $\text{SP}^\infty Y_+$, an infinite symmetric product introduced by Dold and Thom.

—we think of an element of $\text{mul}(Y)$ as a finite multiset — a finite “set” with repeated elements.

Summability in a pam

For a finite set S ,

$$\sigma : S \rightarrow Y$$

is a multiset. For a subset $T \subset S$,

$$\sigma|_T : T \hookrightarrow S \rightarrow Y$$

is a submultiset.

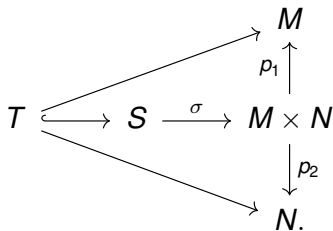
When $Y = M$ is a partial abelian monoid, we may speak of a **summable** multiset.

We say that σ is **pairwise insummable** if, for any subset $T \subset S$ of cardinality two, $\sigma|_T$ is insummable.

A product of partial abelian monoids

M, N : partial abelian monoids, S : a finite set. Consider the following property for $\sigma : S \rightarrow M \times N$:

for any subset T , if one of $p_i \circ (\sigma|_T)$ is pairwise insummable then the other is summable.



We denote by $T_{M,N}$ the subspace of $\text{mul}(M \times N)$ consisting of σ with this property.

A product of partial abelian monoids

Let \sim be the least equivalence relation on $T_{M,N}$ which satisfies the following three conditions:

(R1) If m_1 or n_1 is zero then

$$(m_1, n_1) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (m_r, n_r) \sim (m_2, n_2) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (m_r, n_r),$$

(R2) If $m_1 = m'_1 + m''_1$ then

$$\begin{aligned} &(m_1, n_1) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (m_r, n_r) \\ &\sim (m'_1, n_1) \dot{+} (m''_1, n_1) \dot{+} (m_2, n_2) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (m_r, n_r), \end{aligned}$$

(R3) If $n_1 = n'_1 + n''_1$ then

$$\begin{aligned} &(m_1, n_1) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (m_r, n_r) \\ &\sim (m_1, n'_1) \dot{+} (m_1, n''_1) \dot{+} (m_2, n_2) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (m_r, n_r). \end{aligned}$$

A product of partial abelian monoids

Two elements $[\alpha], [\beta]$ in $M \otimes N$ are summable if we can choose their representatives α, β in $T_{M,N}$ so that their sum $\alpha + \beta$ taken in $\text{mul}(M \times N)$ is contained in $T_{M,N}$. Thus, $M \otimes N$ is a partial abelian monoid in a natural way.

We have a functor

$$\otimes : PAM \times PAM \rightarrow PAM ; (M, N) \mapsto M \otimes N.$$

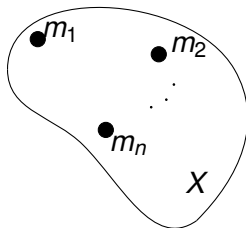
Examples

- 1 For abelian groups A, B , their product $A \otimes B$ defined here is the usual tensor product of modules.
- 2 For two based spaces X, X' , viewed as trivial partial abelian monoids, their product $X \otimes X'$ coincides with their smash product $X \wedge X'$.

Examples

Intermediate cases:

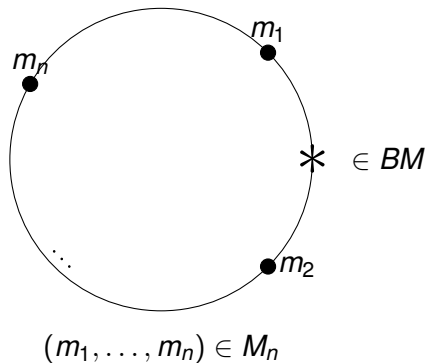
- 3 $X \otimes \mathbb{N} = \text{SP}^\infty X$, the infinite symmetric product on a based space X of Dold and Thom.
- 4 Then $X \otimes M$ is the configuration space of finite points in X with labels in M such that only summable labels occur simultaneously.



$$(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in M_n$$

Examples

- 5 Viewing S^1 as a based space, we get $S^1 \otimes M = BM$ the classifying space of a partial abelian monoid. In particular, if M is a monoid this coincides with the McCord model of the classifying space of M .



Examples

- $\mathbb{N}_{\leq 1} \otimes M \cong M$ for any M . (Indeed, $\mathbb{N}_{\leq 1} = S^0$).
- $\mathbb{N}_{\leq 2} \otimes \mathbb{N}_{\leq 2} \cong \mathbb{N}$.
- If $X = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ is a based set, then $BX \cong S^1 \times \dots \times S^1$ (n times).

Examples

- 6 Let X be a compact based space and $M = Gr := \sqcup Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty)$ be the infinite Grassmannian with a partial sum defined only for two vector spaces which are perpendicular to each other. Then $X \otimes Gr = F(X)$ coincides with the configuration space defined by Segal for connective K -homology. Tamaki gave a similar construction, which is enriched by an operad to make twisting on K -theory, thus larger than $X \otimes Gr$.

Examples

- 8 $\text{Fin}(Y)$: (finite subsets of a space Y),
— $\text{Fin}(Y)$ is a partial abelian monoid by disjoint union. If $C_n = \text{Fin}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $C_n \otimes X = C_n(X)$ is the configuration space of finite points in \mathbb{R}^n with labels in X , introduced by Segal and equivalent to the construction by Milgram and May.
- 9 $\text{Fin}(\mathbb{R}^\infty) \otimes M = C^M(\mathbb{R}^\infty)$ is the configuration space of finite points in \mathbb{R}^∞ with labels in M defined by Shimakawa.

Intervals

$H = \{(u, v) \mid u \leq v\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, a half-plane in \mathbb{R}^2 ,

$P = \{\pm 1\}$: the set of “parities”,

To any point $(u, v; p, q) \in H \times P^2$ with $u < v$, we assign an interval

$$J = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid u <_p x <_q v\} \subset \mathbb{R},$$

where the symbol $<_p$ is interpreted as an inequality \leq or $<$ according as $p = +1$ or -1 .



$$\mathcal{I} = \{(u, v; p, q) \in H \times P^2 \mid u < v\}.$$

Intervals

For $J_1, J_2 \in \mathcal{I}$,

we denote $J_1 < J_2$ if $v_1 < u_2$, where $J_k = (u_k, v_k; p_k, q_k)$.

Let L_r be the subspace of \mathcal{I}^r given by

$$L_r = \{ (J_1, \dots, J_r) \in \mathcal{I}^r \mid J_1 < \dots < J_r \}.$$

Then L_r is the configuration space of r bounded intervals in \mathbb{R} with mutually disjoint closures.

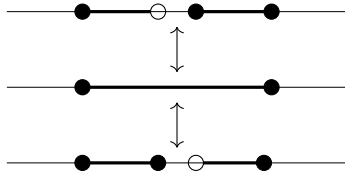
Now we define

$$I = \coprod L_r$$

and give it a topology such that cutting-pasting and creation-annihilation is allowed.

Intervals

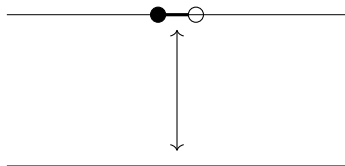
Figure: Cutting-Pasting



–two intervals are pasted when meeting endpoints have opposite parities, that is, one is open and the other is closed,

Intervals

Figure: Creation-Annihilation

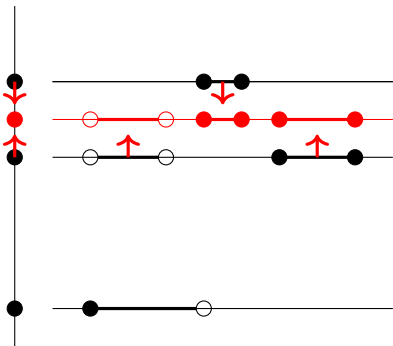


— a half-open interval annihilates when its length approaches zero.

Then I has a partial abelian monoid structure by the superimposition of disjoint configurations.

Example : $I_2 = C_1 \otimes I$

- A point of $C_1 \otimes I$ is
- a finite subset of \mathbb{R}^1 ,
 - with labels in I ,
 - in which, points can collide,
 - in case labels are summable



$C_1 \otimes I$ is a configuration space of horizontal intervals in \mathbb{R}^2 .
Let's denote this space by I_2 .

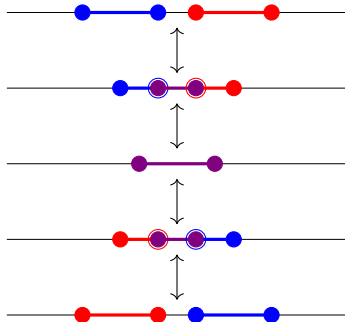
Partially summable labels

Partially summable labels

- enrich a configuration space in a certain way.
- control a topology of the reproduced configuration space.

Partially summable labels

Figure: Sum of labels (where red + blue = violet)



Elementary configuration

$U = (a, b)$: an open interval in \mathbb{R} .

We consider two special types of elements in $\text{mul}(\mathcal{I} \times M)$.

(E1) $e = (J, n)$ with one of the following :

- ① $J = (a, b)$
- ② $J = (a, w)$ or $J = (a, w]$, $a < w < b$
- ③ $J = (w, b)$ or $J = [w, b)$, $a < w < b$
- ④ $J = (w_1, w_2)$ or $J = [w_1, w_2)$, $a < w_1 < w_2 < b$

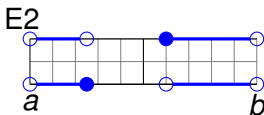
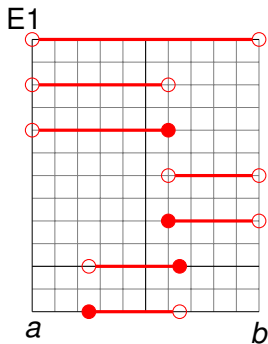
(E2) $e = (J_1, n) \dot{+} (J_2, n)$ with one of the following:

- ① $J_1 = (a, w_1]$, $J_2 = (w_2, b)$ and $a \leq w_1 < w_2 < b$, or
- ② $J_1 = (a, w_1)$, $J_2 = [w_2, b)$ and $a < w_1 < w_2 \leq b$,

where n is a non-zero element in M for both cases.

We call such e **an elementary configuration in U** . In both cases, $n \in M$ is denoted by $n(e)$.

Elementary configurations



Admissible multisets

For any $\xi = (J_1, m_1) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (J_r, m_r) \in T_{\mathcal{I}, M} \subset \text{mul}(\mathcal{I} \times M)$,
 Let $\xi|_U = (J_1 \cap U, m_1) \dot{+} \cdots \dot{+} (J_r \cap U, m_r)$.

$\xi \in T_{\mathcal{I}, M}$ is said to be **admissible** if for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists an open interval $U = (a, b)$ which contains t such that

$$\xi|_U = e_1 \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} e_r$$

for some elementary configurations e_1, \dots, e_r in U such that $(n(e_1), \dots, n(e_r)) \in M_r$.

If, moreover, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and an interval U can be taken as $U = (t - \varepsilon, t + \varepsilon)$ for all t , then we say that ξ is **ε -admissible**. It is clear that ε -admissible elements are ε' -admissible if $\varepsilon' < \varepsilon$.

Admissible multisets

Let $V = (a, b)$ be an open interval with $b - a > \varepsilon$.

We say that an ε -admissible element ξ is supported by V if $\xi|_{(a+\varepsilon/2, b-\varepsilon/2)} = \xi$. If $V \subset V'$ then ε -admissible elements supported by V are supported by V' .

Let W , $W(\varepsilon)$, and $W(\varepsilon, V)$ be the subspace of $T_{\mathcal{I}, M}$ which consists of admissible elements, ε -admissible elements, and ε -admissible elements supported by V , respectively.

Configuration space of intervals with partially summable labels

Let I_M be the image in $I \otimes M$ of W under the natural map $\pi_{\otimes} \circ \pi_{mul}$. Let also $I_M(\varepsilon)$ and $I_M(\varepsilon, V)$ be the image in $I \otimes M$ of $W(\varepsilon)$ and $W(\varepsilon, V)$, respectively, under $\pi_{\otimes} \circ \pi_{mul}$. Then we alter the topology of I_M by the weak topology of the union

$$I_M = \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0, V} I_M(\varepsilon, V).$$

Thus, we have defined a **configuration space of intervals with partially summable labels**.

Thickening — Moore type variant

We define

$$\tilde{I}_M = \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0, s \geq \varepsilon} I_M(\varepsilon, s) \times \{s\} \times \{\varepsilon\}$$

and give it the topology as a subspace of $I_M \times \mathbb{R}^2$.

If $s = \varepsilon$, $I_M(\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ consists of one point, the element \emptyset in I_M which represents the empty configuration. As a base point of \tilde{I}_M , we take $(\emptyset, 1, 1)$.

Proposition 1

The projection $\tilde{I}_M \rightarrow I_M$ onto the first component is a weak homotopy equivalence.

Approximation map $\tilde{I}_M \rightarrow \Omega' BM$

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- is defined in 3 steps : disintegration, scanning, and summing-up.
- is shown to be weak equivalence so to constitute a zig-zag of weak equivalences :

$$I_M \leftarrow \tilde{I}_M \rightarrow \Omega' BM.$$

Disintegration and scanning

- 1 By definition, for any element $([\xi], \mathbf{s}, \varepsilon) \in \tilde{I}_M$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\xi|_{U_t} = \mathbf{e}_1 \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} \mathbf{e}_r$$

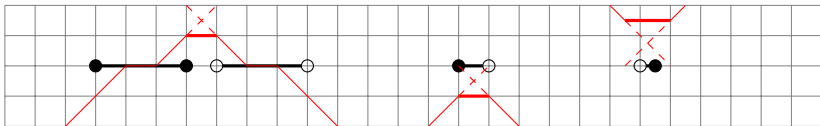
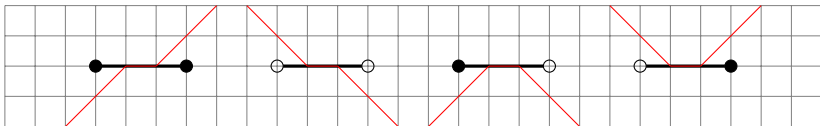
for some elementary configurations $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_r$ in U_t such that $(n(\mathbf{e}_1), \dots, n(\mathbf{e}_r)) \in M_r$, where $U_t = (t - \varepsilon, t + \varepsilon)$.

- 2 For any elementary configuration \mathbf{e} in U_t , we have a well-defined map $\omega(\mathbf{e}) : V_t \rightarrow S^1$, where $V_t = (t - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, t + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$.

So we have an element in $\text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1) \times M)$ for each $t \in (0, \mathbf{s})$.

This defines a map

$$\omega_t : W_{\mathbf{s}, \varepsilon} \rightarrow \text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1) \times M).$$

$\omega'(J)$ 

Summing up

- ③ The composite of ω_t with the sequence of natural maps
- $$\begin{aligned} \text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1) \times M) &\rightarrow \text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1 \times M)) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Map}(V_t, \text{mul}(S^1 \times M)), \end{aligned}$$

maps into $\text{Map}(V_t, T_{S^1, M})$.

Recalling that $T_{S^1, M}$ is a subset of $\text{mul}(S^1 \times M)$ on which we defined the tensor relations, we have an element in $\text{Map}(V_t, S^1 \otimes M)$.

This construction is compatible for distinct t 's so that we can paste local functions to get a global function in $\text{Map}((0, s), S^1 \otimes M)$.

Thus we get a map $\alpha : \tilde{I}_M \rightarrow \Omega' BM$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 W_{S,\varepsilon} & \xrightarrow{\omega_t} & G & \hookrightarrow & \text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1) \times M) \\
 & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \\
 & & G' & \hookrightarrow & \text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1) \times M) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \text{mul}(\text{Map}(V_t, S^1 \times M)) \\
 & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & \text{Map}(V_t, T_{S^1, M}) & \hookrightarrow & \text{Map}(V_t, \text{mul}(S^1 \times M)) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \text{Map}(V_t, BM) & & \\
 \alpha_t \swarrow & & & & \\
 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

Total space \tilde{E}_M

A space E_M is almost I_M but

- intervals lie in a half line $[0, \infty)$, and
- The origin works as a “vanishing point”.

Then

$$\tilde{E}_M = \bigcup_{\epsilon > 0, s \geq \epsilon} E_M(\epsilon, s) \times \{s\} \times \{\epsilon\}$$

is its thickening.

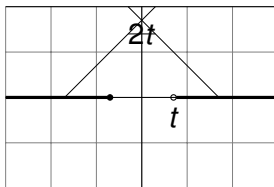
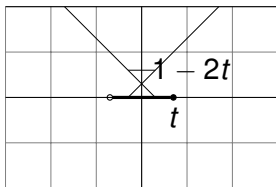
Proposition 2

\tilde{E}_M is weakly contractible.

(proof) Push everything into the origin. □

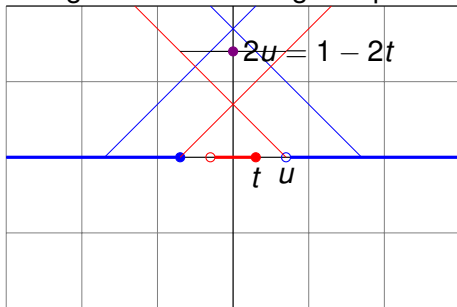
$$\tilde{I}_M \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}_M \rightarrow BM$$

- In $I_M(\varepsilon, s)$, intervals lie in $(0, \infty)$, so we have $I_M(\varepsilon, s) \subset E_M(\varepsilon, s)$, thus we have an inclusion $\tilde{I}_M \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}_M$.
- $\tilde{E}_M \rightarrow BM$ is defined using scanning at the origin.



Scanning at the origin

A configuration consisting of two intervals with “red” and “blue” as a respective label, which maps under $p : \tilde{E}_M \rightarrow BM$ to a configuration consisting of a point with “violet” as its label.



“red” + “blue” = “violet” so that (“red”, “blue”) $\in P$ (“violet”).

Main theorem

Proposition 3

Let M be a partial abelian monoid whose elements are self-insummable. Then the map $p : \tilde{E}_M \rightarrow BM$ is a quasi-fibration with fiber \tilde{I}_M .

Assuming this, we can state and prove the main theorem :

Theorem (O.-Shimakawa)

Let M be a partial abelian monoid whose elements are self insummable. Then the configuration space I_M of intervals in \mathbb{R} with labels in M is weakly homotopy equivalent to ΩBM .

Proof of the main theorem

In the following commutative diagram, lower horizontal line is the Serre's path-loop fibration. The vertical map in the middle is a weak homotopy equivalence, since it is a map between weakly-contractible spaces, hence so is the vertical map on the left.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \tilde{I}_M & \longrightarrow & \tilde{E}_M & \longrightarrow & BM \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 \Omega' BM & \longrightarrow & P' BM & \longrightarrow & BM
 \end{array}$$



Examples

- ① Let X be a based set $\{0, 1, 2\}$ (trivial partial abelian monoid).

0	1	2
1	×	×
2	×	×

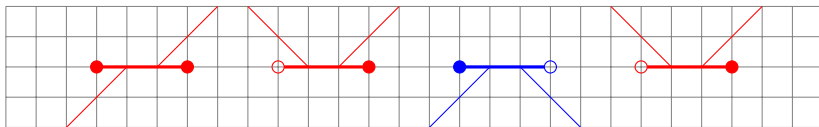
Then $BX \cong S^1 \vee S^1$ and we know from the theorem that $I_X \simeq_w \Omega(S^1 \vee S^1)$.

An element of I_X can be depicted as follows.



Examples

Scanning map $\tilde{I}_X \rightarrow \Omega(S^1 \vee S^1)$ can be graphed as follows.



$$\pi_0(I_X) \cong \pi_1(S^1 \vee S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}$$

Examples

- 2 Let $M = \mathbb{N}_{\leq 1} \times \mathbb{N}_{\leq 1}$ be the direct product (as a partial abelian monoid !) of $\mathbb{N}_{\leq 1}$ with itself.

00	10	01	11
10	×	11	×
01	11	×	×
11	×	×	×

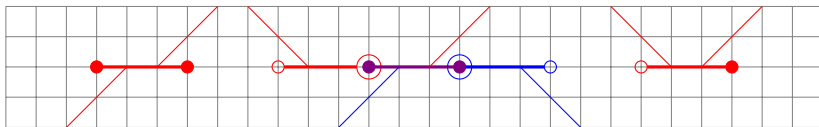
Then $BM \cong S^1 \times S^1$ and we know from the theorem that $I_M \simeq_w \Omega(S^1 \times S^1)$.

An element of I_M looks as follows.



Examples

Scanning map $\tilde{I}_M \rightarrow \Omega(S^1 \times S^1)$ can be graphed as follows.



$$\pi_0(I_M) \cong \pi_1(S^1 \times S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

Examples

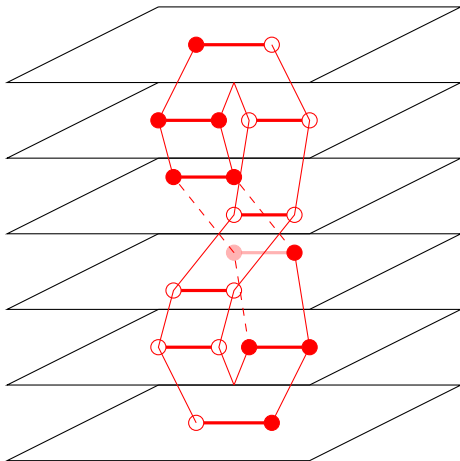
- ③ Let $M = C_1$ is the configuration space of finite subsets of \mathbb{R}^1 . Then we know from Milgram-May-Segal's theorem that $BC_1 \cong C_1 \otimes S^1 \simeq_w \Omega SS^1 = \Omega S^2$. Now, our theorem asserts that

$$I_M \simeq_w \Omega^2 S^2.$$

So any element of $\pi_3 S^2$ can be written as a based loop in I_M . A generator of $\pi_3 S^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}$ is given by a Hopf map $\eta : S^3 \rightarrow S^2$.

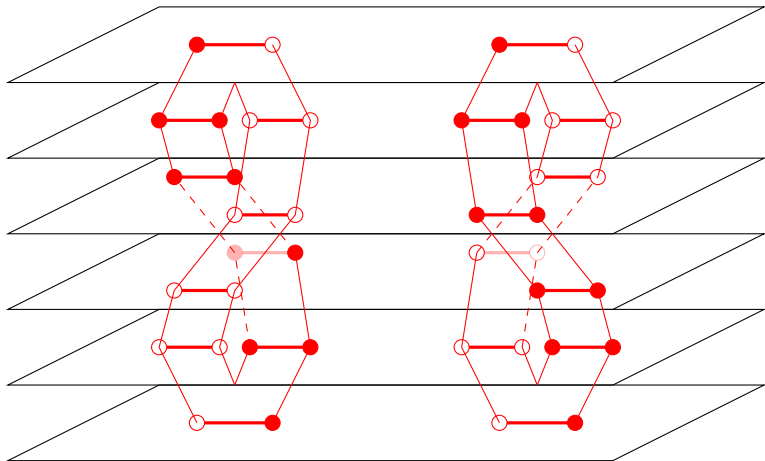
Examples

Corresponding loop in I_M is given by :



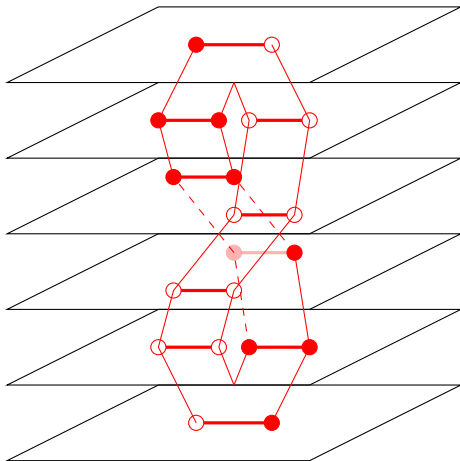
Examples

Crossing change gives an inverse :



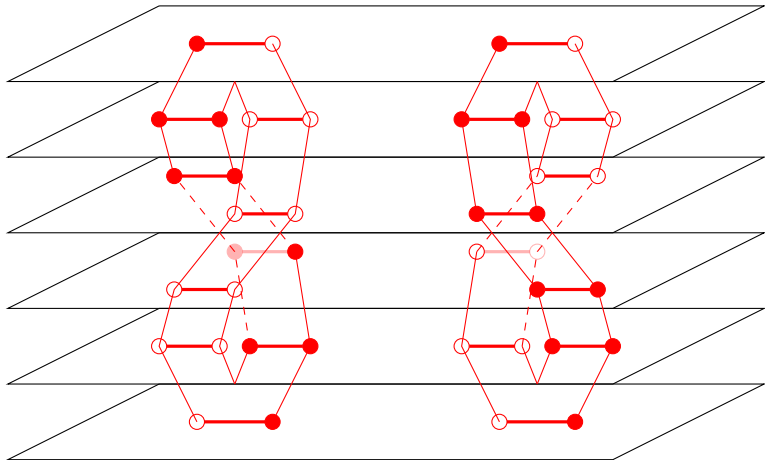
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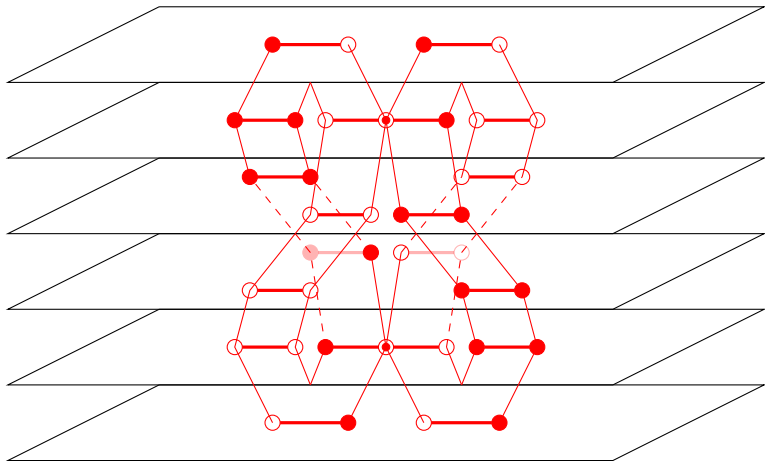
Examples

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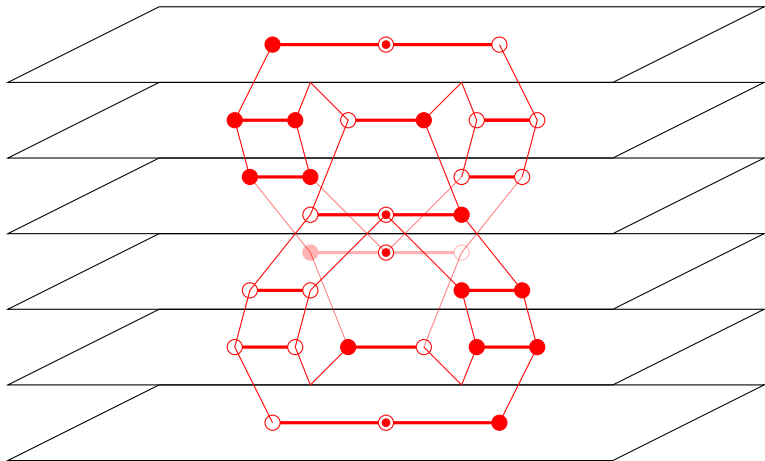
Examples

Indeed, we can paste two surfaces to remove them:
(Step 1)



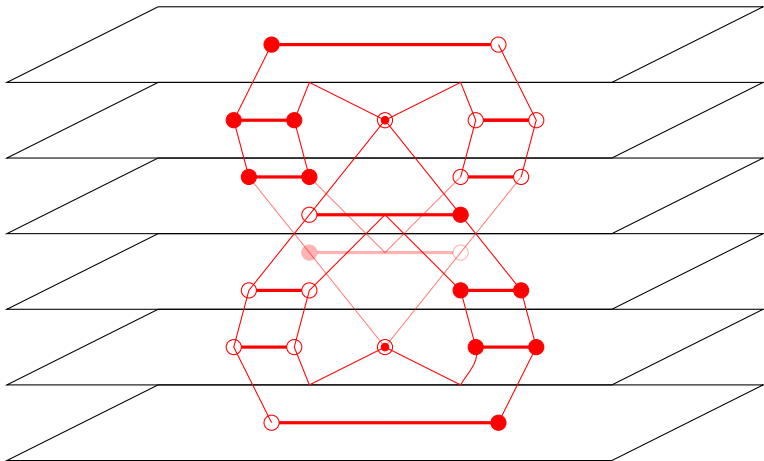
Examples

Indeed, we can paste two surfaces to remove them:
(Step 2)



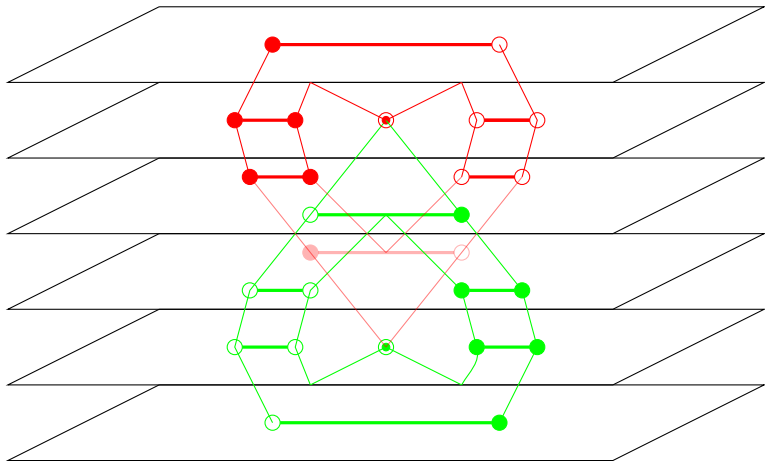
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Indeed, we can paste two surfaces to remove them:
(Step 3)



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Indeed, we can paste two surfaces to remove them:
(Step 4)



Examples

Moreover, if we use the standard embedding $\mathbb{R}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ to get a map $I_{C_1} \rightarrow I_{C_2}$, and this amounts to an embedding of configuration of intervals in \mathbb{R}^2 into configuration of intervals in \mathbb{R}^3 under the standard embedding $\mathbb{R}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. This corresponds to the suspension map $\mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_3(\mathcal{S}^2) \rightarrow \pi_4(\mathcal{S}^3) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. So the above pictures also show the vanishing of 2η in $\pi_4(\mathcal{S}^3)$.

Two lemmas for quasi-fibration

For a proof of proposition 3, we may use the Dold-Thom criterion.

Lemma 1

For any open set $V \subset F_j BM - F_{j-1} BM$, there exists a homotopy equivalence $p^{-1} V \simeq V \times \tilde{I}_M$, so that V is distinguished.

Lemma 2

There exists an open set $O \subset F_j BM$ which contains $F_{j-1} BM$ and homotopies $h_t : O \rightarrow O$ and $H_t : p^{-1} O \rightarrow p^{-1} O$ such that

- 1 $h_0 = id_O$, $h_t(F_{j-1} BM) \subset F_{j-1} BM$ and $h_1(O) \subset F_{j-1} BM$,
- 2 $H_0 = id_{p^{-1} O}$ and $p \circ H_t = h_t \circ p$ for all t , and
- 3 $H_1 : p^{-1} z \rightarrow p^{-1} h_1(z)$ is a weak homotopy equivalence for all $z \in O$.