

# A NOTE ON THE GENERALIZED HOMOLOGY THEORY

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G. W. Whitehead [6] has shown that, for any spectrum  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}(\mathbf{E})$  and  $\mathfrak{H}^*(\mathbf{E})$  are generalized homology and cohomology theories on the category  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  whose objects are finite CW-complexes with base vertex.

In this note, we show that, for any spectrum  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}(\mathbf{E})$  and  $\mathfrak{H}^*(\mathbf{E})$  are defined on the category  $\mathfrak{B}_0$ .

1. Let  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  be the category of spaces with base point having the homotopy type of a CW-complex, and a map of  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  is a continuous, base point preserving map. In this note, we shall use the terms "space" and "map" to refer to objects and maps of  $\mathfrak{B}_0$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}_0^n$  be the category of  $n$ -ads [6].

Let  $T$  be the unit interval with base point 0,  $\bar{T} = S^0$  be the subspace  $\{0, 1\}$  of  $T$ , and  $S = S^1 = T/\bar{T}$ . The *cone* over  $X$  is the space  $TX = T \wedge X$ , and the *suspension* of  $X$  is the space  $SX = S \wedge X$ , where the space  $X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_n$  is the  $n$ -fold reduced join of the spaces  $X_i$  [6].

Let  $[X, Y]$  be the set of homotopy classes of maps of  $X$  into  $Y$ , if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , let  $[f]$  be the homotopy class of  $f$ . Then  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is a functor on  $\mathfrak{B}_0 \times \mathfrak{B}_0$  to the category of sets with base points. If  $f: X' \rightarrow X$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow Y'$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\#} &= [f, 1]: [X, Y] \longrightarrow [X', Y], \\ g_{\#} &= [1, g]: [X, Y] \longrightarrow [X, Y']. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $X, Y$  be CW-complexes and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous one-to-one onto map. Then the map  $f$  is a homeomorphism, if and only if, for any open cell  $\tau$  of  $Y$ , there exist finite open cells  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  of  $X$  such that  $\tau \subset f(\sigma_1 \cup \cdots \cup \sigma_n)$ .*

PROOF. If the map  $f$  is a homeomorphism, then for any open cell  $\tau$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\bar{\tau})$  is a compact set in  $X$ , and hence  $f^{-1}(\bar{\tau})$  is contained in a finite union of open cells  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  of  $X$  [4]. Thus  $\tau$  is contained in  $f(\sigma_1 \cup \cdots \cup \sigma_n)$ . Conversely, suppose that for any open cell  $\tau$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\tau)$  is contained in a finite union of open cells  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  of  $X$ . Then  $\bar{\tau} \subset f(\bar{\sigma}_1 \cup \cdots \cup \bar{\sigma}_n)$ . Since  $f$  is a homeomorphism on a compact set,  $f|_{\bar{\sigma}_1 \cup \cdots \cup \bar{\sigma}_n}$  is a homeomorphism and hence  $f^{-1}|_{\bar{\tau}}$  is continuous. Therefore  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.

2. A *spectrum*  $\mathbf{E}$  is a sequence  $\{E_n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  of spaces together with a sequence of maps

$$\varepsilon_n: SE_n \longrightarrow E_{n+1},$$