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Coherent Homomorphisms of H -spaces

0. Let X and Y be H -spaces, associative up to coherent homotopies. We define a space $\text{HOM}_{\text{ass}}(X, Y)$ of “homomorphisms up to a coherent homotopy” $X \rightarrow Y$, and constructs a spectral sequence

$${}_{(0)}E_2^{st} \implies \pi_{-s-t}(\text{HOM}_{\text{ass}}(X, Y)).$$

A natural mapping ${}_{(0)}\varphi: \text{HOM}_{\text{ass}}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Map}_*(BX, BY)$ is constructed where BX and BY are the deloopings of X and Y respectively. For a number of cases the morphism ${}_{(0)}\varphi$ is investigated and appears to be a homotopy equivalence.

1. Let now X and Y be “homotopy everything” H -spaces, such that the multiplication in both spaces is associative and commutative up to coherent homotopies. We define a space $\text{HOM}_{\text{asscomm}}(X, Y)$ similar to the space $\text{HOM}_{\text{ass}}(X, Y)$ above. The coherent homotopies involved should “interact” with the coherent homotopies of associativity and commutativity. One constructs also a spectral sequence

$${}_{(1)}E_2^{st} \implies \pi_{-s-t}(\text{HOM}_{\text{asscomm}}(X, Y)).$$

A natural mapping

$${}_{(1)}\varphi: \text{HOM}_{\text{asscomm}}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Map}_{\text{Spectra}}(Sp(X), Sp(Y))$$

is considered where $Sp(X)$ and $Sp(Y)$ are the corresponding Ω -spectra that infinitely deloops X and Y . For a number of cases ${}_{(1)}\varphi$ appears to be a homotopy equivalence.

2. Finally, let X and Y be \mathcal{C} -spaces where \mathcal{C} is an operad in the sense of J. P. May. We construct a space $\text{HOM}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$ and a spectral sequence ${}_{(2)}E_2^{st} \implies \pi_{-s-t}(\text{HOM}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y))$. For some cases, the terms ${}_{(2)}E_2^{st}$ are calculated.

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