

A Note on H Cogroups

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〈Abstract〉

In this paper we shall introduce the concept of H cogroup, dual to that of H group and construct the example of H cogroup by dualizing the loop space.

H Cogroup에 관하여

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〈요 약〉

H group의 쌍대인 H cogroup의 개념을 소개하고, loop space를 쌍대화함으로써 H cogroup의 예를 제시한다.

I. Introduction

It is well known that the H spaces(or H groups) play an important role in the theory of homotopy. The loop space of a pointed topological space (Y, y_0) , denoted by ΩY , is the useful example of an H space.

In this note we shall try to introduce the concept of H cogroup, dual to that of H group and construct the example of H cogroup by dualizing the loop space.

II. H cogroups

Let \mathcal{C} be the category of pointed topological spaces with the continuous mappings preserving the base points. If (X, x_0) and (Y, y_0) are the objects \mathcal{C} , Their sum $X \vee Y = X \times \{y_0\} \cup \{x_0\} \times Y$ regarded as the subspace of $X \times Y$ is also an object of \mathcal{C} with the base point (x_0, y_0) . The morphism $X \vee Y$ to Z is defined as follows.

If $f: X \rightarrow Z$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are the base point preserving continuous mappings, we let $(f, g): X \vee Y \rightarrow Z$ be that map defined by $(f, g)|_X = f$ and $(f, g)|_Y = g$, the (f, g) is also a base point preserving continuous map.

An H cogroup consists of a pointed topological space Q together with a continuous comultiplication.

$$\lambda: Q \rightarrow Q \vee Q$$

such that the following properties 1)~3) hold.

1) If $c: Q \rightarrow Q$ is the constant map, then each composite map, then each composite map

$$Q \xrightarrow{\lambda} Q \vee Q \xrightarrow{(c, 1)} Q \text{ and } Q \xrightarrow{\lambda} Q \vee Q \xrightarrow{(1, c)} Q$$

is homotopic to 1_Q . (Existence of homotopy identity)

2) The square diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & Q \vee Q \\ \lambda \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda \vee 1 \\ Q \vee Q & \xrightarrow{1 \vee \lambda} & Q \vee Q \vee Q \end{array}$$

is homotopic commutative, that is, $(\lambda \vee 1) \circ \lambda \cong$

$(1\vee\lambda)\circ\lambda$. (where if $f: X\rightarrow X'$, $g: Y\rightarrow Y'$, map $f\vee g: X\vee Y\rightarrow X'\vee Y'$ is defined by $(f\vee g)(x, y) = (x', g(y))$ (Homotopy associativity).

3) There exists a map $\phi: Q\rightarrow Q$ such that each composite map

$$Q \xrightarrow{\lambda} Q\vee Q \xrightarrow{(1, \phi)} Q \text{ and } Q \xrightarrow{\lambda} Q\vee Q \xrightarrow{(\phi, 1)} Q$$

is homotopic to $c: Q\rightarrow Q$. (Existence of homotopy inverse) An H cogroup is said to be abelian if the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Q & \\ \lambda \swarrow & & \searrow \lambda \\ Q\vee Q & \xrightarrow{T'} & Q\vee Q \end{array}$$

where $T'(q_1, q_2) = (q_2, q_1)$ for $q_1, q_2 \in R$, is homotopy commutative.

If Q and Q' are H cogroups with comultiplications λ and λ' respectively, a continuous map $\beta: Q\rightarrow Q'$ is called a homomorphism if the square diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & Q\vee Q \\ \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta\vee\beta \\ Q' & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & Q'\vee Q' \end{array}$$

is homotopy commutative.

III. Example of an H cogroup

Let Z be a pointed topological space with the base point z_0 . The suspension of Z , denoted by SZ , is the quotient space of $Z\times I$ in which $(Z\times 0)\cup(z_0\times I)\cup(Z\times 1)$ has been identified to a single point which is the base point of SZ , where $I=[0, 1]$.

If $(z, t)\in Z\times I$, we use $[z, t]$ to denote the corresponding point of SZ under the quotient map $Z\times I\rightarrow SZ$. Then $[z, 0]=[z_0, t]=[z', 1]$ for all $z, z'\in Z$ and $t\in I$. We also denote the point $[z_0, 0]\in SZ$ by Z_0 .

Theorem 1. If we define a comultiplication $\lambda: SZ\rightarrow SZ\vee SZ$

by the formula

$$\lambda([z, t]) = \begin{cases} ([z, 2t], z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (z_0, [z, 2t-1]) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

then SZ is an H cogroup.

(proof) It is easily seen that the function λ defined is above is well defined because of, for $t = \frac{1}{2}$, $([z, 2t], z_0) = ([z, 1], z_0) = (z_0, z_0)$ and $(z_0, [z, 2t-1]) = (z_0, [z, 0]) = (z_0, z_0)$, we now prove that SZ is an H -cogroup.

1) If $c: SZ\rightarrow SZ$ is the constant map then

$$(c, 1)\circ\lambda([z, t]) = \begin{cases} z_0 & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ [z, 2t-1] & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Now let $F_1: SZ\times I\rightarrow SZ$ be a map defined by

$$F_1([z, t], t') = \begin{cases} [z, \frac{2tt'}{t'+1}], & 0 \leq t' \leq 2t-1 \\ [z, \frac{2t-1+t'^2}{t'+1}], & 2t-1 \leq t' \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

then F_1 is a well defined since $[z, \frac{2tt'}{t'+1}] = [z, t']$ and $[z, \frac{2t-1+t'^2}{t'+1}] = [z, t']$ when $t' = 2t-1$ and it is easily seen that F_1 is the homotopy between $(c, 1)\circ\lambda$ and 1_{SZ} . We can also see that the function $F_2: SZ\times I\rightarrow SZ$ defined by

$$F_2([z, t], t') = \begin{cases} [z, \frac{2t}{t'+1}], & 0 \leq t' \leq 2t-1 \\ [z, \frac{2tt'-t'+1}{t'^2+1}], & 2t-1 \leq t' \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

is the homotopy between $(1, c)\circ\lambda$ and 1_{SZ} .

2) We have $(\lambda\vee 1)\circ\lambda([z, t])$

$$= \begin{cases} (([z, 4t], z_0), z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ ((z_0, [z, 4t-1]), z_0) & \frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (z_0, (z_0, [z, 2t-1])) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$(1\vee\lambda)\circ\lambda([z, t])$

$$= \begin{cases} ([z, 2t], z_0), z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (z_0, ([z, 4t-2], z_0)) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4} \\ (z_0, (z_0, [z, 4t-3])) & \frac{3}{4} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Now let $F: SZ\times I\rightarrow SZ\vee SZ\vee SZ$ a function defined by

$$F([z, t], t') = \begin{cases} \left(\left([z, \frac{4t}{1+t'}], z_0 \right), z_0 \right) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4}(t'+1) \\ (z_0, ([z, 4t-t'-1], z_0)) & \frac{1}{4}(t'+1) \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4}(t'+2) \\ (z_0, (z_0, [z, \frac{4t-t'-2}{2-t'}])) & \frac{1}{4}(t'+2) \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

than F is well defined and continuous, therefore the homotopy between $(\lambda \vee 1) \circ \lambda$ and

$$(1 \vee \lambda) \circ \lambda, \text{ That is, } (\lambda \vee 1) \circ \lambda \cong (1 \vee \lambda) \circ \lambda$$

3) Let $\varphi: SZ \rightarrow SZ$ be a function defined by

$$\varphi((z, t)) = (z, 1-t)$$

than we have

$$(1, \varphi) \circ \lambda((z, t)) = \begin{cases} ((z, 2t), z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (z_0, (z, 2-2t)) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Now let $F: SZ \times I \rightarrow SZ$ be a function defined by

$$F((z, t), t') = \begin{cases} ((z, (2t-2t')(1-t')), z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{t'+1}{2} \\ (z_0, (z, (2-2t)(1-t'))) & \frac{t'+1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

then F is well defined and continuous, therefore the homotopy between $(1, \varphi) \circ \lambda$ and the constant function $c: SZ \rightarrow SZ$. Similary we can show that $(\varphi, 1) \circ \lambda \simeq c$.

By 1), 2) and 3) SZ is an H cogroup.

If $f: Z \rightarrow Z'$ then we define

$$Sf: SZ \rightarrow SZ'$$

by $Sf((z, t)) = (f(z), t)$.

Now let SZ and SZ' be H cogroups with comultiplication λ and λ' respectively, and $f: Z \rightarrow Z'$ then we have

$$(Sf \vee Sf) \circ \lambda((z, t)) = \begin{cases} ((f(z), 2t), z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (z_0, (f(z), 2t-1)) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \lambda' \circ Sf((z, t)) = \begin{cases} ((f(z), 2t), z_0) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (z_0, (f(z), 2t-1)) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

This shows that the square diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} SZ & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & SZ \vee SZ \\ S_f \downarrow & & \downarrow S_f \vee S_f \\ SZ & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & SZ' \vee SZ' \end{array}$$

is commutative. Hence Sf is a homomorphism. From the above result we have the following.

Theorem 2, S is a covariant functor from the category C of pointed topological spaces and continuous maps to the category D of H cogroups and homomorphisms.

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