

# 9. Ідемпотенти в триангульованій категорії. Навколо похідних категорій

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## Абелева категорія

Абелева категорія є адитивною категорією, яка задовольняє аксіомам:

AB1) У будь-якого морфізму  $f : A \rightarrow B$  існує ядро

$\ker f : \text{Ker } f \rightarrow A$  й коядро  $\text{coker } f : B \rightarrow \text{Coker } f$ .

AB2) Для будь-якого морфізму  $f : A \rightarrow B$  канонічний морфізм  $\text{coker } \ker f = \text{coim}(f) \rightarrow \text{im}(f) = \ker \text{coker } f$  є ізоморфізмом.

**Corollaire 1.2.5.** *La somme directe de deux triangles distingués est un triangle distingué.*

Soient :

$$X \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{v} Z \xrightarrow{w} X[1] \quad ,$$

$$X' \xrightarrow{u'} Y' \xrightarrow{v'} Z' \xrightarrow{w'} X'[1]$$

deux triangles distingués et soit de plus :

$$X \oplus X' \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} Y \oplus Y' \xrightarrow{m} L \xrightarrow{n} (X \oplus X')[1]$$

un triangle distingué contenant le morphisme  $u \oplus u'$  (TRI). Les diagrammes :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{u} & Y \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{id}_X \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \downarrow & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{id}_Y \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \\ X \oplus X' & \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} & Y \oplus Y' \end{array} \quad ,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{u'} & Y' \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \text{id}_{X'} \end{array} \right) \downarrow & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \text{id}_{Y'} \end{array} \right) \\ X \oplus X' & \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} & Y \oplus Y' \end{array}$$

sont commutatifs et, par suite, s'insèrent en vertu de (TRIII) dans des diagrammes commutatifs :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{u} & Y & \xrightarrow{v} & Z & \xrightarrow{w} & X[1] \\
 \downarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_X \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & & \downarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_Y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{X[1]} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
 X \oplus X' & \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} & Y \oplus Y' & \xrightarrow{m} & L & \xrightarrow{n} & (X \oplus X')[1]
 \end{array} ,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X' & \xrightarrow{u'} & Y' & \xrightarrow{v'} & Z' & \xrightarrow{w'} & X'[1] \\
 \downarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \text{id}_{X'} \end{pmatrix} \right) & & \downarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \text{id}_{Y'} \end{pmatrix} \right) & & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \text{id}_{X'[1]} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
 X \oplus X' & \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} & Y \oplus Y' & \xrightarrow{m} & L & \xrightarrow{n} & (X \oplus X')[1]
 \end{array} .$$

On en déduit que le diagramme ci-après est commutatif :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X \oplus X' & \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} & Y \oplus Y' & \xrightarrow{v \oplus v'} & Z \oplus Z' & \xrightarrow{w \oplus w'} & (X \oplus X')[1] \\
 \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow (f, f') & & \downarrow \text{id} \\
 X \oplus X' & \xrightarrow{u \oplus u'} & Y \oplus Y' & \xrightarrow{m} & L & \xrightarrow{n} & (X \oplus X')[1]
 \end{array} .$$

Pour démontrer le corollaire, il suffit de montrer que le morphisme :

$$(f, f') : Z \oplus Z' \longrightarrow L$$

est un isomorphisme. Il suffit donc de montrer que, pour tout objet  $M$ , le morphisme :

$$\mathsf{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(M, (f, f'))$$

est un isomorphisme de groupes abéliens; ceci résulte immédiatement de (1.2.1) et du lemme des cinq.

Same proof works for coproduct (direct sum) over an infinite set, if it exists in a given triangulated category  $\mathcal{T}$ . Subtlety: natural bijections

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}\left(\left(\coprod_{i \in I} X_i\right)[1], Y[1]\right) &\cong \mathcal{T}\left(\coprod_{i \in I} X_i, Y\right) \cong \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}(X_i, Y) \\ &\cong \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}(X_i[1], Y[1]) \cong \mathcal{T}\left(\coprod_{i \in I} (X_i[1]), Y[1]\right) \end{aligned}$$

imply natural bijection  $\alpha : \coprod_{i \in I} (X_i[1]) \cong (\coprod_{i \in I} X_i)[1]$ .

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In particular,

$$\text{in}_j[1] = \left( X_j[1] \xrightarrow{\text{in}_j} \coprod_{i \in I} (X_i[1]) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\alpha} (\coprod_{i \in I} X_i)[1] \right).$$

Coproduct of exact triangles  $X_j \xrightarrow{u_j} Y_j \xrightarrow{v_j} Z_j \xrightarrow{w_j} X_j[1]$  is defined as the upper row of the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \coprod_{j \in I} X_j & \xrightarrow{\coprod u_j} & \coprod_{j \in I} Y_j & \xrightarrow{\coprod v_j} & \coprod_{j \in I} Z_j & \xrightarrow{\coprod w_j} & \coprod_{j \in I} (X_j[1]) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\alpha} (\coprod_{j \in I} X_j)[1] \\
 (\text{in}_j) \stackrel{!}{=} 1 & & (\text{in}_j) \stackrel{!}{=} 1 & & \downarrow (f_j) & & \downarrow 1 \\
 \coprod_{i \in I} X_i & \xrightarrow{\coprod u_i} & \coprod_{i \in I} Y_i & \xrightarrow{m} & L & \xrightarrow{n} & (\coprod_{i \in I} X_i)[1]
 \end{array}$$

So it is exact.

1.6. LEMMA. *Let  $L$  be a pre-triangulated category, i.e., a category satisfying all but the octahedron axiom (TR4). A triangle*

$$A \oplus A' \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & u' \end{pmatrix}} B \oplus B' \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} v & 0 \\ 0 & v' \end{pmatrix}} C \oplus C' \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} w & 0 \\ 0 & w' \end{pmatrix}} T(A) \oplus T(A')$$

*is exact if and only if  $A \xrightarrow{u} B \xrightarrow{v} C \xrightarrow{w} T(A)$  and  $A' \xrightarrow{u'} B' \xrightarrow{v'} C' \xrightarrow{w'} T(A')$  are both exact.*

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category satisfying AB3 (there exist arbitrary direct sums). Then the category  $K(\mathcal{A})$  of chain complexes over and chain homotopy equivalence classes of maps also has direct sums, and direct sums of triangles are triangles.*

$$(\underline{C(\mathcal{A})}(\coprod_{i \in I} A_i, B), [\_, d]) \cong \prod_{i \in I} (\underline{C(\mathcal{A})}(A_i, B), [\_, d]), \quad K(\mathcal{A}) = H^0 \underline{C(\mathcal{A})}.$$

DEFINITION 1.2. A triangulated category is said to have direct sums if it has categorical direct sums, and direct sums of triangles are triangles.

**DEFINITION 1.3.** Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a triangulated category with arbitrary direct sums. Then a full triangulated subcategory  $L \subset \mathcal{S}$  is called *localizing* if

Every direct summand of an object in  $L$  is in  $L$ . (1.3.1)

Every direct sum of objects of  $L$  is in  $L$ . (1.3.2)

**REMARK 1.4.** We will see later that (1.3.1) is superfluous; (1.3.2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1.3.1).

**LEMMA 1.5.** If  $L$  is a localizing subcategory of the triangulated category, then the triangulated category  $\mathcal{S}/_L$  has direct sums. In fact, the functor  $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}/_L$  preserves direct sums.

A. Nous avons vu que la somme directe d'une famille quelconque de morphismes surjectifs est surjectif (N° 1); en fait, on voit même que le foncteur  $(A_i)_{i \in I} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$ , défini sur la ‘‘catégorie produit’’  $\mathbf{C}'$ , et à valeurs

dans  $\mathbf{C}$ , est *exact à droite*. Il est même exact si  $I$  est fini, mais pas nécessairement si  $I$  est infini, car la somme directe d'une famille infinie de monomorphismes n'est pas nécessairement un monomorphisme, comme nous l'avons remarqué au N°1 (pour la situation duale). D'où l'axiome suivant :

AB 4) *L'axiome AB 3) est vérifié, et la somme directe d'une famille de monomorphismes est un monomorphisme.*

AB4)  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies AB3), and the coproduct of a family of monomorphisms is a monomorphism.

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**EXAMPLE 1.6.** Let  $L \subset K(\mathcal{A})$  be the subcategory of homologically trivial complexes of objects in the abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies AB4 (i.e. direct sums of exact sequences are exact) then  $L$  is localizing.

**COROLLARY 1.7** If  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies AB4 then  $D(\mathcal{A}) = K(\mathcal{A})/L$  has direct sums.  $\square$   
rest of this article,  $\mathcal{A}$  will be the category of modules over a ring  $R$ , which satisfies both AB4 and AB4\*.

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a triangulated category with direct sums. Suppose  $\{X_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a sequence of objects in  $\mathcal{S}$ , together with maps  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$ . We wish to define the homotopy colimit of the sequence.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** The homotopy colimit of the sequence above is the third edge of the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_i X_i & \xrightarrow{\text{1-shift}} & \bigoplus_i X_i \\ \uparrow (1) & & \searrow \\ \text{hocolim}(X_i) & & \end{array}$$

where the map (shift) above is the shift map, whose coordinates are the natural maps  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$ .

**REMARK 2.2.** This is nothing more than the usual “mapping telescope” construction of topology. If  $\mathcal{S} = D(\mathcal{A})$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is an abelian category satisfying AB5 (filtered direct limits of exact sequences are exact), the reader will easily prove:

$$H^i \left( \operatorname{hocolim}_j (X_j) \right) = \operatorname{colim}_j H^i(X_j). \quad (2.2.1)$$

If we choose actual chain maps of chain complexes  $X_i \rightarrow X_j$  (not merely homotopy equivalence classes of such maps), then one can prove easily:

$$\text{There is a natural quasi-isomorphism } \operatorname{hocolim}_i (X_i) \rightarrow \operatorname{colim}_i (X_i). \quad (2.2.2)$$

L’axiome suivant est strictement plus fort que AB 4) :

AB 5) *L’axiome AB 3) est vérifié, et si  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  est une famille filtrante croissante de sous-trucs d’un  $A \in \mathbf{C}$ , B un sous-truc quelconque de A, on a*

$$\left( \sum_i A_i \right) \cap B = \sum_i (A_i \cap B).$$

AB5)  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies AB3), and filtered colimits of exact sequences are exact.

## Телескоп відображень в топології

For

$$X_{\bullet} = \left( X_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} X_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \right)$$

a sequence in Top, its mapping telescope is the quotient topological space of the disjoint union of product topological spaces

$$\text{Tel}(X_{\bullet}): \left( \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (X_n \times [n, n+1]) \right) / \sim$$

where the equivalence relation quotiented out is

$$(x_n, n+1) \sim (f_n(x_n), n+1)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \in X_n$ .

At least if all the  $f_n$  are inclusions, this is the sequential attachment of ever “larger” cylinders, whence the name “telescope”.

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a triangulated category. Suppose  $X_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a sequence of objects in  $\mathcal{S}$ , together with maps  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$ . Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a split exact sequence in  $\mathcal{S}$

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^n X_i \xrightarrow{\text{1-shift}} \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} X_i \xrightarrow{p} X_{n+1} \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\text{1-shift} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -f_0 & & & & \\ & 1 & -f_1 & & 0 & \\ & & 1 & -f_2 & & \\ & 0 & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 & -f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad p = \begin{pmatrix} f_0 f_1 \dots f_n \\ f_1 \dots f_n \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1} f_n \\ f_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Splitting is given by

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^n X_i \xleftarrow{q} \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} X_i \xleftarrow{j} X_{n+1},$$

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & f_0 & f_0 f_1 & & f_0 f_1 \dots f_{n-2} \\ & 1 & f_1 & \ddots & f_1 \dots f_{n-2} \\ & & 1 & \ddots & \cdots \\ & 0 & \ddots & & f_{n-2} \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad j = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 1)$$

The diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \bigoplus_{i=0}^n X_i & \xrightarrow{\text{1-shift}} & \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} X_i & \xrightarrow{p} & X_{n+1} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f_{n+1} \\
 \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} X_i & \xrightarrow{\text{1-shift}} & \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+2} X_i & \xrightarrow{p} & X_{n+2}
 \end{array}$$

Let  $\mathcal{S} = D(\mathcal{A})$ , where abelian category satisfies AB5). Filtered colimit of rows is an exact sequence in  $C(\mathcal{A})$

$$0 \rightarrow \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \xrightarrow{\text{1-shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \xrightarrow{p} \operatorname{colim}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i \rightarrow 0.$$

**Proposition 1.7.5.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an abelian category and let  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence in  $C(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $M(f)$  be the mapping cone of  $f$  and let  $\phi^n: M(f)^n = X^{n+1} \oplus Y^n \rightarrow Z^n$  be the morphism  $(0, g^n)$ . Then  $\{\phi^n\}_n: M(f) \rightarrow Z$  is a morphism of complexes,  $\phi \circ \alpha(f) = g$ , and  $\phi$  is a quasi-isomorphism.

Hence, a quasi-isomorphism

$$\operatorname{hocolim}_i X_i = \operatorname{Cone}(1 - \text{shift}) \rightarrow \operatorname{colim}_i X_i.$$

## Гомотопійна кограниця

DEFINITION 1.6.4. Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a triangulated category satisfying [TR5( $\aleph_1$ )]; that is, countable coproducts exist in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Let

$$X_0 \xrightarrow{j_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{j_2} X_2 \xrightarrow{j_3} \dots$$

be a sequence of objects and morphisms in  $\mathcal{T}$ . The homotopy colimit of the sequence, denoted  $\text{Hocolim} X_i$ , is by definition given, up to non-canonical isomorphism, by the triangle

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \xrightarrow{1 - \text{shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \longrightarrow \text{Hocolim} X_i \longrightarrow \Sigma \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \right\}$$

where the shift map  $\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \xrightarrow{\text{shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i$  is the direct sum of  $j_{i+1}$  :  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$ . In other words, the map  $\{1 - \text{shift}\}$  is the infinite matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1_{X_0} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ -j_1 & 1_{X_1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & -j_2 & 1_{X_2} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & -j_3 & 1_{X_3} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \end{pmatrix}$$

## Адитивність гомотопійної кограниці

LEMMA 1.6.5. *If we have two sequences*

$$X_0 \longrightarrow X_1 \longrightarrow X_2 \longrightarrow \dots$$

*and*

$$Y_0 \longrightarrow Y_1 \longrightarrow Y_2 \longrightarrow \dots$$

*then, non-canonically,*

$$\underline{\text{Hocolim}} \{X_i \oplus Y_i\} = \left\{ \underline{\text{Hocolim}} X_i \right\} \oplus \left\{ \underline{\text{Hocolim}} Y_i \right\}.$$

**Proof:** Because the direct sum of two triangles is a triangle by Proposition 1.1.20, there is a triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \right\} \oplus \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_i \right\} & \xrightarrow{1 - shift} & \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \right\} \oplus \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_i \right\} \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & \left\{ \underline{\text{Hocolim}} X_i \right\} \oplus \left\{ \underline{\text{Hocolim}} Y_i \right\} \end{array}$$

and this triangle identifies

$$\left\{ \underline{\text{Hocolim}} X_i \right\} \oplus \left\{ \underline{\text{Hocolim}} Y_i \right\} = \underline{\text{Hocolim}} \{X_i \oplus Y_i\}.$$

□

## Гомотопійна кограниця послідовності тодіжних морфізмів

LEMMA 1.6.6. *Let  $X$  be an object of  $\mathcal{T}$ , and let*

$$X \xrightarrow{1} X \xrightarrow{1} X \xrightarrow{1} \dots$$

*be the sequence where all the maps are identities on  $X$ . Then*

$$\underline{\operatorname{Hocolim}} X = X,$$

*even canonically.*

**Proof:** The point is that the map

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xrightarrow{1 - \text{shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X$$

is a split monomorphism.

is split. Perhaps a simpler way to say this is that the map

$$X \oplus \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \right\} \xrightarrow{\left( \begin{array}{cc} i_0 & \{1 - \text{shift}\} \end{array} \right)} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X$$

is an isomorphism, where  $i_0 : X \longrightarrow \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X$  is the inclusion into the zeroth summand. In other words, the candidate triangle

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xrightarrow{1 - \text{shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} X \xrightarrow{0} \Sigma \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \right\}$$

where  $\text{pr} : \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \longrightarrow X$  is the map which is 1 on every summand, is isomorphic to the sum of the two triangles

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xrightarrow{1} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \Sigma \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \right\}$$

and

$$0 \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{1} X \longrightarrow 0.$$

Hence  $X$  is identified as Hocolim  $X$ . □

Another splitting of

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^n X_i \xrightarrow{1\text{-shift}} \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} X_i \xrightarrow{p} X_{n+1} \rightarrow 0,$$

is given by

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^n X_i \xleftarrow{t} \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} X_i \xleftarrow{i_0} X_{n+1},$$

$$t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \ddots & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad i_0 = (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0)$$

Hence, splitting of

$$0 \rightarrow \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xrightarrow{1\text{-shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xrightarrow{p} X \rightarrow 0,$$

is given by

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xleftarrow{t} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X \xleftarrow{i_0} X.$$

The both rows in

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_2} & X \oplus \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_1} & X & \xrightarrow{0} & \\
 \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \\
 \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X & \xrightarrow{1\text{-shift}} & \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X & \longrightarrow & \text{Hocolim}(1) & \longrightarrow & 
 \end{array}$$

are distinguished.

# Гомотопійна кограниця послідовності нульових морфізмів

LEMMA 1.6.7. *If in the sequence*

$$X_0 \xrightarrow{0} X_1 \xrightarrow{0} X_2 \xrightarrow{0} \dots$$

*all the maps are zero, then  $\text{Hocolim } X_i = 0$ .*

**Proof:** The point is that then the shift map in

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \xrightarrow{1 - \text{shift}} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i$$

vanishes. But by [TR0] there is a triangle

$$\coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \xrightarrow{1} \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \Sigma \left\{ \coprod_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i \right\}$$

and this identifies 0 as  $\text{Hocolim } X_i$ . □

## Розщеплюваність ідемпотентів

PROPOSITION 1.6.8. Suppose  $\mathcal{T}$  is a triangulated category satisfying [TR5( $\aleph_1$ )]. Let  $X$  be an object of  $\mathcal{T}$ , and suppose  $e : X \rightarrow X$  is idempotent; that is,  $e^2 = e$ . Then  $e$  splits in  $\mathcal{T}$ . There are morphisms  $f$  and  $g$  below

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} X$$

with  $gf = e$  and  $fg = 1_Y$ .

**Proof:** Consider the two sequences

$$X \xrightarrow{e} X \xrightarrow{e} X \xrightarrow{e} \dots$$

and

$$X \xrightarrow{1-e} X \xrightarrow{1-e} X \xrightarrow{1-e} \dots$$

Let  $Y$  be the homotopy colimit of the first, and  $Z$  the homotopy colimit of the second. We will denote this by writing  $Y = \text{Hocolim } (e)$  and  $Z = \text{Hocolim } (1 - e)$ .

By Lemma 1.6.5,  $Y \oplus Z$  is the homotopy colimit of the direct sum of the two sequences, that is of

$$X \oplus X \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1-e \end{pmatrix}} X \oplus X \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1-e \end{pmatrix}} X \oplus X \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1-e \end{pmatrix}} \dots$$

But the following is a map of sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X \oplus X & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1-e \end{pmatrix}} & X \oplus X & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1-e \end{pmatrix}} & X \oplus X & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1-e \end{pmatrix}} & \dots \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} e & 1-e \\ 1-e & e \end{array} \right) \downarrow & & \left( \begin{array}{cc} e & 1-e \\ 1-e & e \end{array} \right) \downarrow & & \left( \begin{array}{cc} e & 1-e \\ 1-e & e \end{array} \right) \downarrow & & \\ X \oplus X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \oplus X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \oplus X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \dots \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & & \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & & \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & & \end{array}$$

and in fact, the vertical maps are isomorphisms. The map

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} e & 1-e \\ 1-e & e \end{array} \right) : X \oplus X \longrightarrow X \oplus X$$

is its own inverse; its square is easily computed to be the identity.

It follows that the homotopy limits of the two sequences are the same. Thus  $Y \oplus Z$  is the homotopy limit of the bottom row, and the bottom row decomposes as the direct sum of the two sequences

$$X \xrightarrow{1} X \xrightarrow{1} X \xrightarrow{1} \dots$$

and

$$X \xrightarrow{0} X \xrightarrow{0} X \xrightarrow{0} \dots$$

By Lemma 1.6.6, the homotopy colimit of the first sequence is  $X$ , while by Lemma 1.6.7, the homotopy colimit of the second sequence is 0. The homotopy colimit of the sum, which is  $Y \oplus Z$ , is therefore isomorphic to  $X \oplus 0 = X$ .

More concretely, consider the maps of sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{e} & X & \xrightarrow{e} & X & \xrightarrow{e} & \dots \\ e \downarrow & & e \downarrow & & e \downarrow & & \\ X & \xrightarrow{1} & X & \xrightarrow{1} & X & \xrightarrow{1} & \dots \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{1-e} & X & \xrightarrow{1-e} & X & \xrightarrow{1-e} & \dots \\ 1-e \downarrow & & 1-e \downarrow & & 1-e \downarrow & & \\ X & \xrightarrow{1} & X & \xrightarrow{1} & X & \xrightarrow{1} & \dots \end{array}$$

What we have shown is that the induced maps on homotopy colimits, that is  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  and  $g' : Z \rightarrow X$  can be chosen so that the sum  $Y \oplus Z \rightarrow X$  is an isomorphism.

In the sequence

$$X \xrightarrow{e} X \xrightarrow{e} X \xrightarrow{e} \dots$$

defining  $Y$  as the homotopy colimit, we get a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , just the map from a finite term to the colimit. In the sequence

$$X \xrightarrow{1} X \xrightarrow{1} X \xrightarrow{1} \dots$$

the map from the finite terms to the homotopy colimit is the identity. We deduce a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ e \downarrow & & g \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{1} & X. \end{array}$$

Similarly, from the other sequence we deduce a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f'} & Z \\ 1-e \downarrow & & g' \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{1} & X. \end{array}$$

In other words, we conclude in total that  $e = gf$  and  $1 - e = g'f'$ . The composite

$$X \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f \\ f' \end{pmatrix}} Y \oplus Z \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} g & g' \end{pmatrix}} X$$

is  $e + (1 - e) = 1$ . Since we know that the map  $Y \oplus Z \rightarrow X$  is an isomorphism, it follows that the map  $X \rightarrow Y \oplus Z$  above is its (two-sided) inverse. The composite in the other order is also the identity. In particular,  $fg = 1_Y$  and  $f'g' = 1_Z$ .  $\square$

**REMARK 1.6.9.** Dually, if  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies [TR5\*(N<sub>1</sub>)], then idempotents also split.

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