

# 5 - cofibrations

## Cofibrations and fibrations

"Eckmann-Hilton" Duality

Table  $\Rightarrow$

$H^*$	$\pi_*$
LES pair	LES pair
$j: A \rightarrow X$ cof	$f: E \rightarrow B$ fibration, $F = f^{-1}(x)$
$\Rightarrow H^*(X, A)$	$\Rightarrow \pi_*(E, F)$
$\cong$	$\cong$
$\tilde{H}^*(X/A)$	$\pi_{*+1}(B)$
cofiber sequence	fiber sequence
$\tilde{H}^*(\Sigma X)$	$\pi_* \Omega X$
$\cong$	$\cong$
$\tilde{H}^{*+1}(X)$	$\pi_{*+1} X$
cup product (graded commutative)	Whithead product (graded Lie)

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# Cofibrations

$i: A \hookrightarrow X$  inclusion of subspace into a CW-complex

$$\Rightarrow H^*(X, A) \cong \tilde{H}^*(X/A)$$

We want a general class of inclusions that satisfies this.

Def: A map  $i: A \rightarrow X$  is a cofibration if it satisfies the homotopy extension property:

$$\forall f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$\forall H: A \rightarrow \text{Map}(I, Y) \quad \text{making the square commute}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{H} & \text{Map}(I, Y) \\ \downarrow i & \nearrow \tilde{H} & \downarrow \text{ev.} \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

$\exists \tilde{H}$  as above making diagram commute.

i.e. "for any  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and any homotopy  $H: f|_A \simeq g$   
 $\exists \tilde{g}: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\tilde{H}: f \simeq \tilde{g}$  extending  $H$ ."

Remarks

(1) cofibrations are necessarily closed inclusions

(2)  $A \hookrightarrow X$  is a cofibration

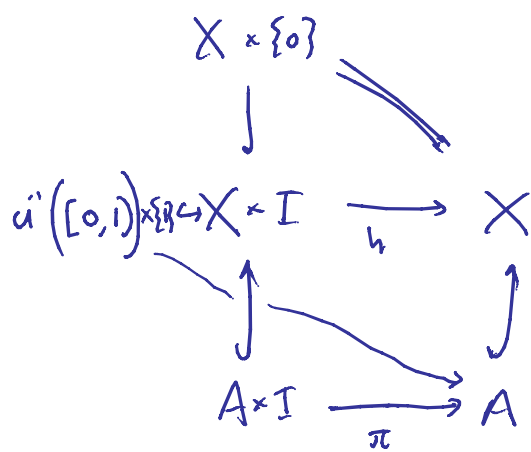
iff  $(X, A)$  is an "NDR pair"

↑  
Neighborhood  
Deformation  
Retract.

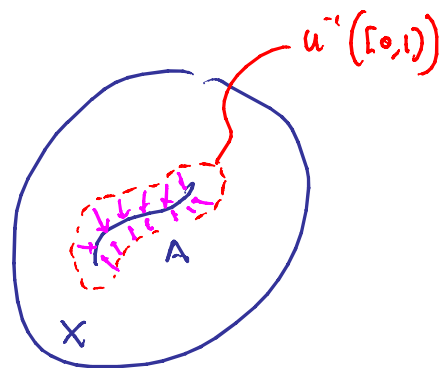
Def  $(X, A)$  is an NDR pair ( $A \subseteq X$ )

iff  $\exists X \xrightarrow{u} I \quad u^{-1}(0) = A$

$h : X \times I \rightarrow X$



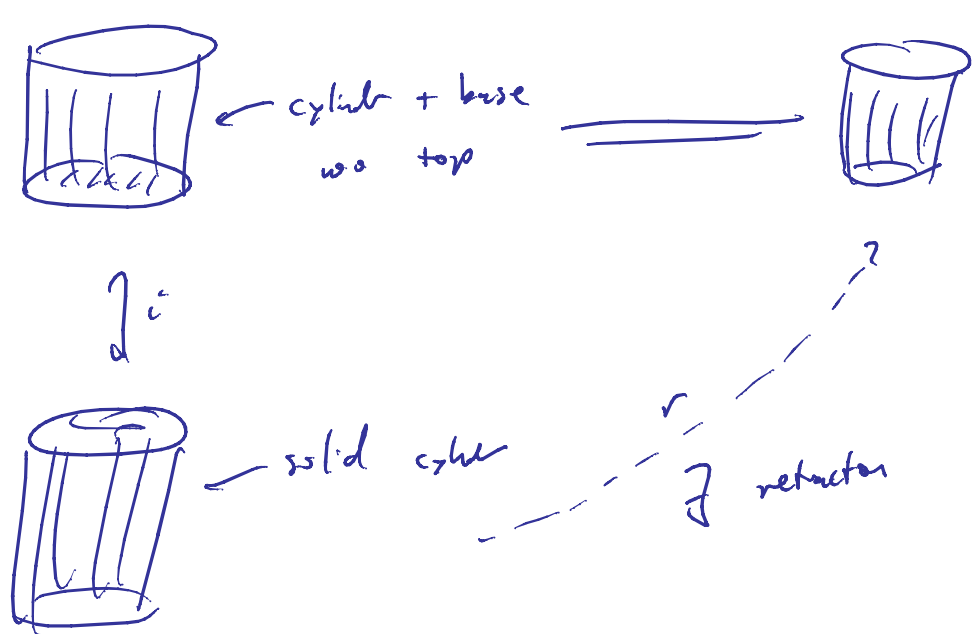
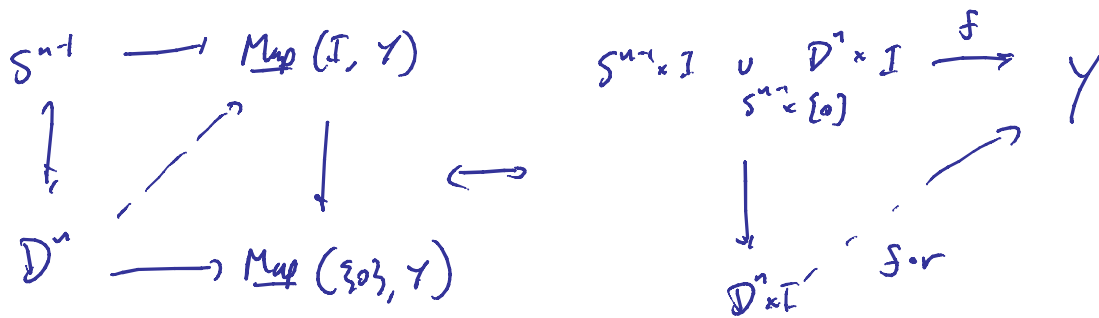
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e.g. closed subfields, tubular neighborhoods give cofibrations

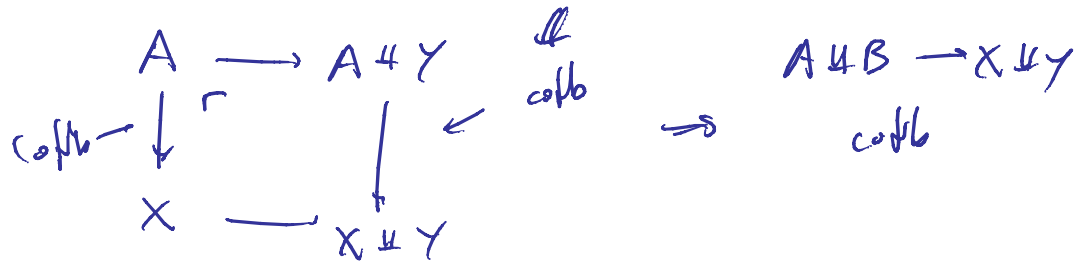
e.g.  $S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D^n$  is a cofibration

# Differential proof



composites of cofibs are cofibs, Id is a cofb  
lemma pushouts of cofibrations are cofibrations

lem:  $\emptyset \rightarrow X$  cofibration



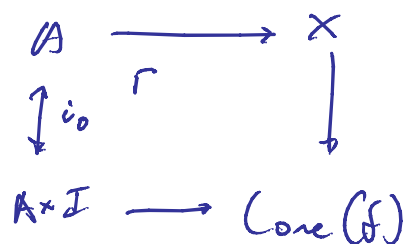
lemma  $X_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} X_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \dots$  sequence of cofibrations  
 $\Rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow \varinjlim X_i$  is a cofib.

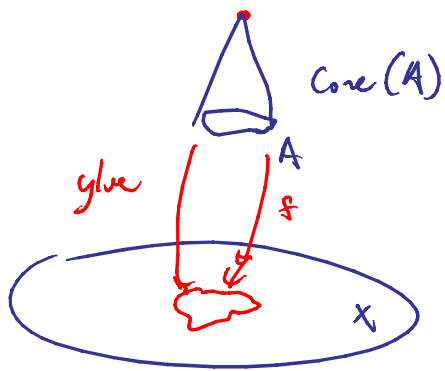
$\Rightarrow$  inclusions of CW cells are cofibs.

under Mapping Cone!

$A \xrightarrow{f} X$  map

define





excision

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}^*(\text{core}(A)) \cong H^*(X, A)$$

In Homework: you show

$$A \hookrightarrow X \quad \text{cofibration}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Core}(A) \rightarrow X/A$$

is a hwy equivalence

$$\left( \text{deduce that } \tilde{H}^*(X/A) \cong H^*(X, A) \right)$$

Cor!  $A \rightarrow X$  is a cofibration

$\exists$  L.E.S.

$$\dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}^*(X/A) \rightarrow H^*(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}^*(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow \tilde{H}^{*+1}(X/A) \rightarrow \dots$$

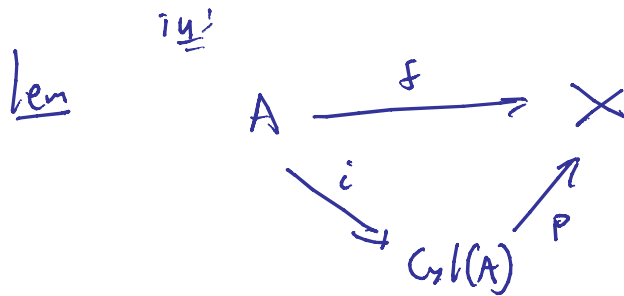
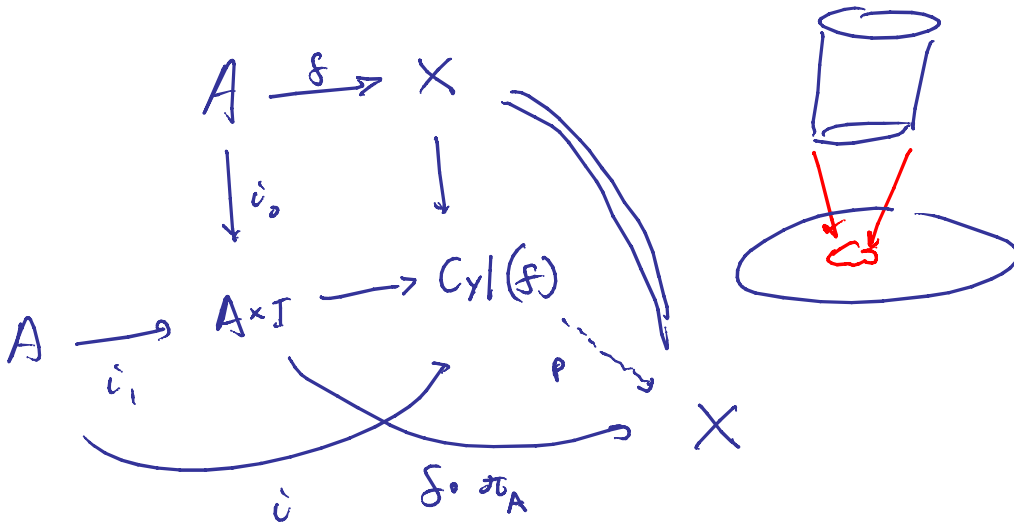
(and reduced version for pointed spaces)

Cofibration = "good retract"

Mapping cylinders

$$f: A \rightarrow X$$

want to "replace"  
 $f$  w/ a cofibration.



$i$  = cofibration

$p$  = homz equivalence

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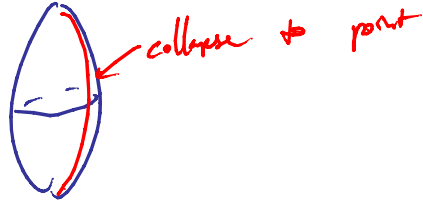
Note  $Cyl(A)/A \approx Cone(f)$

Top

pointed spaces  $X \in \text{Top}_*$

$$\text{Susp}(X) \longrightarrow \Sigma X$$

not nec.  
a. h.e.

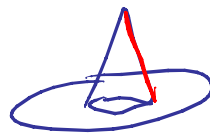


$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ A \cdot I & \longrightarrow & C(f) \end{array}$$

$C(A)$   
"reduced on  
on  $A$ "

"reduced on  
cone" or "Cofiber"

$$\text{Cone}(f) \xrightarrow{\text{not nec. h.e. equiv.}} C(f)$$





$X \in \text{Top}$

Write

$$X \xrightarrow{p} *$$

$$\text{Cone}(p) = \text{Susp}(X)$$

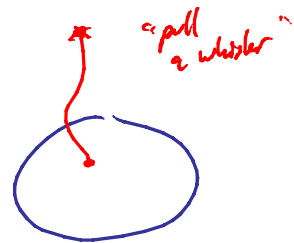
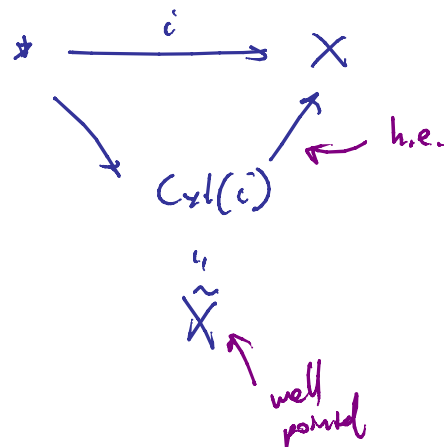
$$C(p) = \Sigma(X)$$

Def  $X \in \text{Top}_*$  is well pointed  
if  $* \rightarrow X$  is a cofibration

Prop (special case of HW)

If  $A \in \text{Top}_*$  is well pointed  
 $f: A \rightarrow X$

$\implies \text{Cone}(f) \rightarrow C(f)$   
is a h.e.



Consequence for the purposes of htpz theory, one can assume any space is well pointed