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## Week 2

Recap on CW-complexes.

Recall that a CW-complex is built via the following inductive process:

(1) Start with a discrete set  $X^0$ , the zero cells of  $X$ .

(2) Inductively form  $X_n$  from  $X_{n-1}$  by attaching  $n$ -cells  $e_\alpha^n$  via maps

$$\rho_\alpha: S^{n-1} \longrightarrow X_{n-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \coprod \mathbb{S}^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{(\mathcal{O}_\alpha)} & X_{n-1} \\
 \downarrow \text{e} & & \downarrow \\
 \coprod \mathbb{D}^n & \longrightarrow & X_n = X_{n-1} \cup (\coprod \mathbb{D}^n) \\
 & & (\mathcal{O}_\alpha)
 \end{array}$$

[ Recall: a pushout is

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
 g \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 C & \longrightarrow & Z \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 & & X
 \end{array}
 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right]$$

(3)  $X = \bigcup_n X^n$  with the weak topology  
 (A set is open/closed  $\Leftrightarrow A \cap X^n$   
 is open/closed for each  $n$ ).

Rem: A relative CW-complex  $(X, A)$   
 has  $X_0 = \{ \text{discrete set of points} \} \cup A$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>: A map of pairs  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  b/w relative CW complexes is cellular if  $f(X_n) \subset Y_n$  for all  $n$ .

Theorem (cellular approximation theorem)

Any map  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  between relative CW-complexes is homotopic rel  $A$  to a cellular map.

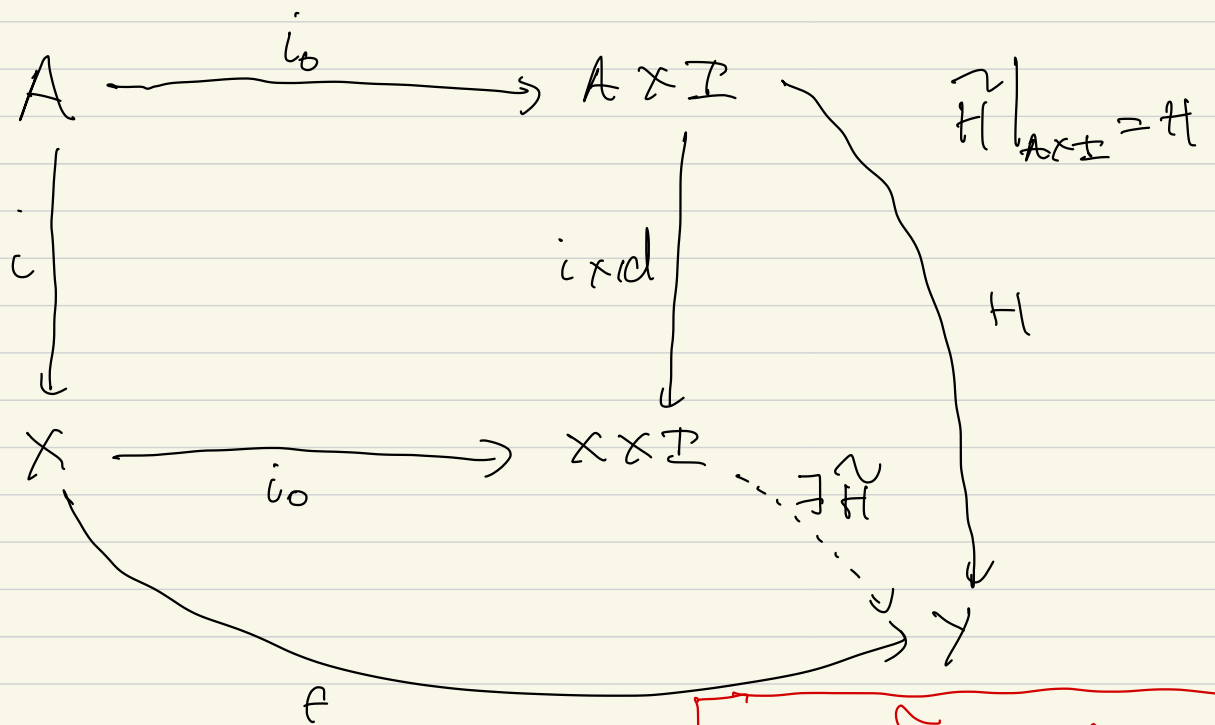
Exercise: Use cellular approximation to compute  $\pi_i(S^n)$  for  $i \leq n$ .

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Cofibrations & HEP

Def<sup>n</sup> (Homotopy Extension Property) Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a class of topological spaces.

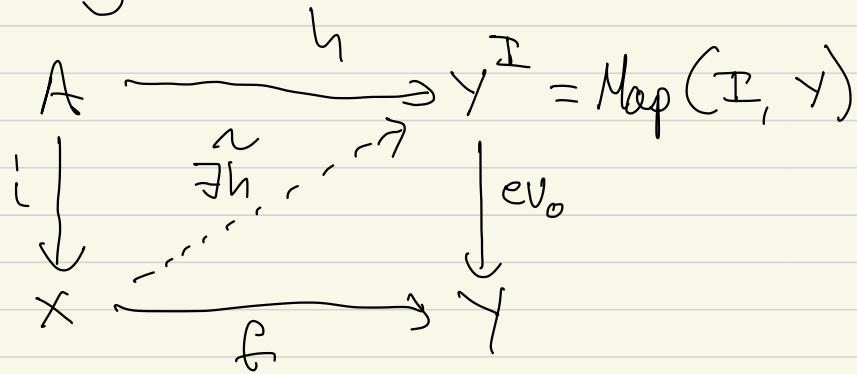
A map  $i: A \rightarrow X$  has the  $\mathcal{E}$ -HEP if, for every  $Y \in \mathcal{E}$ , the following extension problem has a solution



$$\text{Hom}(A \times B, C) \cong \text{Hom}(A, \text{Map}(B, C))$$

Rem:  $\tilde{H}$  need not be unique

Rem: We can rewrite this diagram as the following



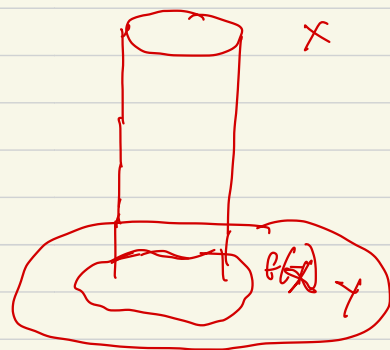
Def<sup>n</sup>: If  $\mathcal{E}$  is the class of all topological spaces, if  $i: A \rightarrow X$  has the  $\mathcal{E}$ -HEP, then  $i$  is called a cofibration.

# Examples $J = [0, 1]$

The mapping cylinder associated to a map

$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  is the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{i_1} & X \times J \\
 f \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 Y & \longrightarrow & M_f
 \end{array}$$



$M_f$  deformation retracts onto  $Y$  by sliding each point  $(x, t) \in M_f$  to the endpoint  $f(x)$ .

(i)  $i_0: X \rightarrow X \times J$  is a cofibration

(ii)  $i_0: X \rightarrow CX$  is a cofibration

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & \longrightarrow & X \times \mathbb{I} & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & \searrow H & \\
 X \times J & \longrightarrow & (X \times J) \times \mathbb{I} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}} & Y \\
 & \searrow f & & & \uparrow \\
 & & & & Y
 \end{array}$$

$$\tilde{H}(L(x, t), s) = \begin{cases} f(x, 1 - (1-t)(1+s)) & (1-t)(1+s) \leq 1 \\ H(x, (1-t)(1+s) - 1) & (1-t)(1+s) > 1 \end{cases}$$

"stretch the cylinder as the cone through the homotopy"

$t=0$   $(1-t)(1+s) = (1+s) \geq 1$ , so

$$\tilde{H}(L(x, 0), s) = H(x, s)$$

$t=1/4$   $(1-t)(1+s) = \frac{3}{4}(1+s) \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow s \leq 1/3$

$$\tilde{H}(L(x, \frac{1}{4}), s) = \begin{cases} f(x, \frac{1}{4}(1-3s)) & s \leq \frac{1}{3} \\ H(x, \frac{1}{4}(3s-1)) & s > \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x, \frac{1}{4}) \rightsquigarrow H(x, \frac{1}{2})$$

$t=1/2$   $(1-t)(1+s) = \frac{1}{2}(1+s) \leq 1$  for all  $s$

$$\tilde{H}(L(x, \frac{1}{2}), s) = f(x, \frac{1}{2}(1-s))$$

$$f(x, \frac{1}{2}) \rightsquigarrow f(x, 0)$$

$$\underline{t = \frac{3}{4}}$$

$$(1-t)(1+s) = \frac{1}{4}(1+s) \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } s$$

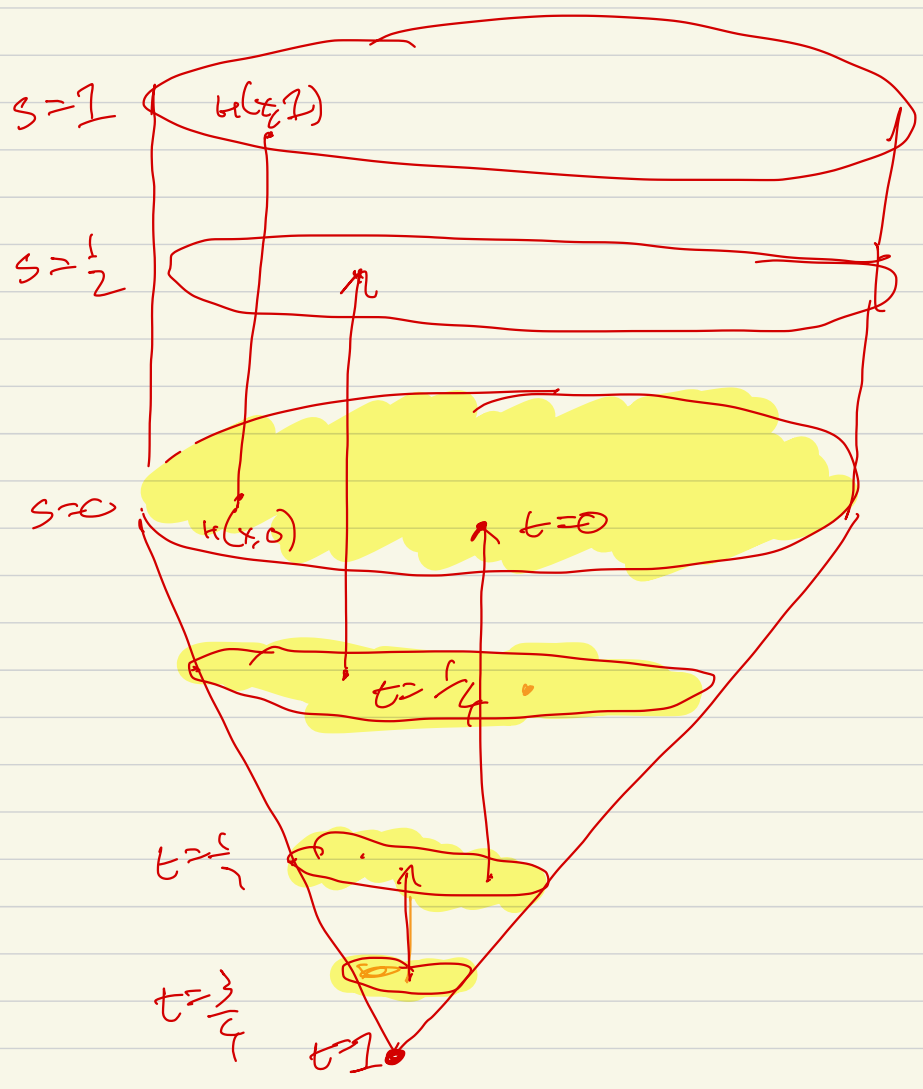
$$\tilde{H}((x, \frac{1}{2}), s) = F(x, \frac{1}{4}(3-s))$$

$$F(x, \frac{3}{4}) \rightsquigarrow F(x, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\underline{t = 1}$$

$$(1-t)(1+s) = 0 \leq 1$$

$$\tilde{H}((x, 1), s) = F(x, 1).$$





$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
 \downarrow j & & \uparrow \cong \\
 & \xrightarrow{M_f} & 
 \end{array}$$

(ii)  $X \longrightarrow M_f$  is a cofibration.

Cor:  $S^{n-1} \longrightarrow D^n$  is a cofibration.

Prop: (Universal test diagram) let  $i: A \longrightarrow X$ ,  
let  $M_i$  be the mapping cylinder of  $i$ .

then  $i: A \longrightarrow X$  is a cofibration

$\Leftrightarrow \exists r: X \times I \longrightarrow M_i$  making the following

diagram

commute:

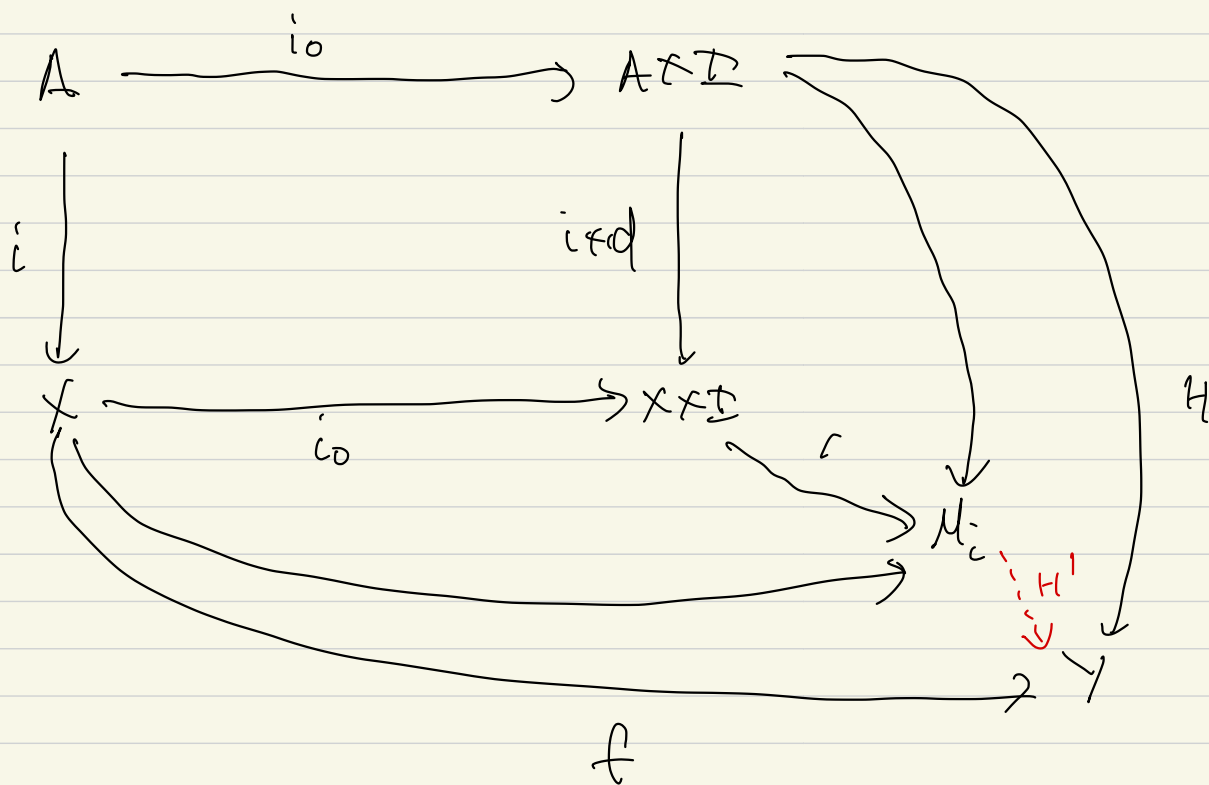
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{i_0} & A \times I \\
 \downarrow i & & \downarrow i \times \text{id} \\
 X & \xrightarrow{i_0} & X \times I \\
 & \searrow j & \downarrow \cong \\
 & & M_i
 \end{array}$$

$\uparrow r$

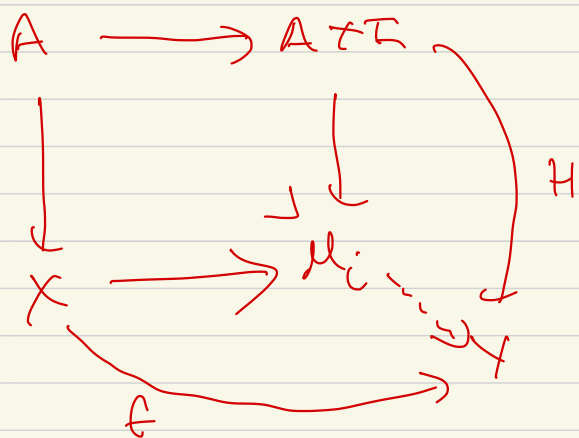
Proof: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $i: A \longrightarrow X$  is a cofibration, then  
this is just HEP.

(~~2~~)  
 Conversely, suppose such a map exists.

Consider the following diagram:



Define  $\tilde{H} = H' \circ r$



Cor: If  $A \subset X$ , then  $i: A \rightarrow X$  is a cofibration  $\Leftrightarrow X \times I$  is a retract of  $M_i$ .

Con: If  $i: A \rightarrow X$  is a cofibration, then  $i$  is an injection.  $[X \text{ is Hausdorff, } i \text{ is closed} \Rightarrow \text{embedding}]$

lemma: Suppose  $\{(X_\alpha, A_\alpha)\}$  is a collection of spaces satisfying HEP, then so does  $(\coprod X_\alpha, \coprod A_\alpha)$

Proof: Exercise.

lemma: Suppose  $(X, A)$  satisfies HEP,  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $Y = X \cup_f B$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow j \\ X & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array} \right]$$

then  $(Y, B)$  satisfies HEP.

Proof: Exercise

lemma: Suppose  $A = X_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_n \subseteq \dots$   
 $X = \text{colim } X_n$

If each  $(X_i, X_{i-1})$  satisfies HEP, then so does  $(X, A)$ .

Proof: Exercise.

Prop: A relative CW-complex  $(X, A)$  satisfies HEP.

Proof:  $(S^{n-1}, D^n)$  satisfies HEP

$\Rightarrow (\coprod S^{n-1}, \coprod D^n)$  satisfies HEP

Proof of the prop is by induction. Can inductively assume  $(X_{n-1}, A)$  satisfies HEP.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X_{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \coprod D^n & \longrightarrow & X_n \end{array}$$

By the exercise  $(X_n, A)$  satisfies HEP.

Taking colimits,  $(X, A)$  satisfies HEP.

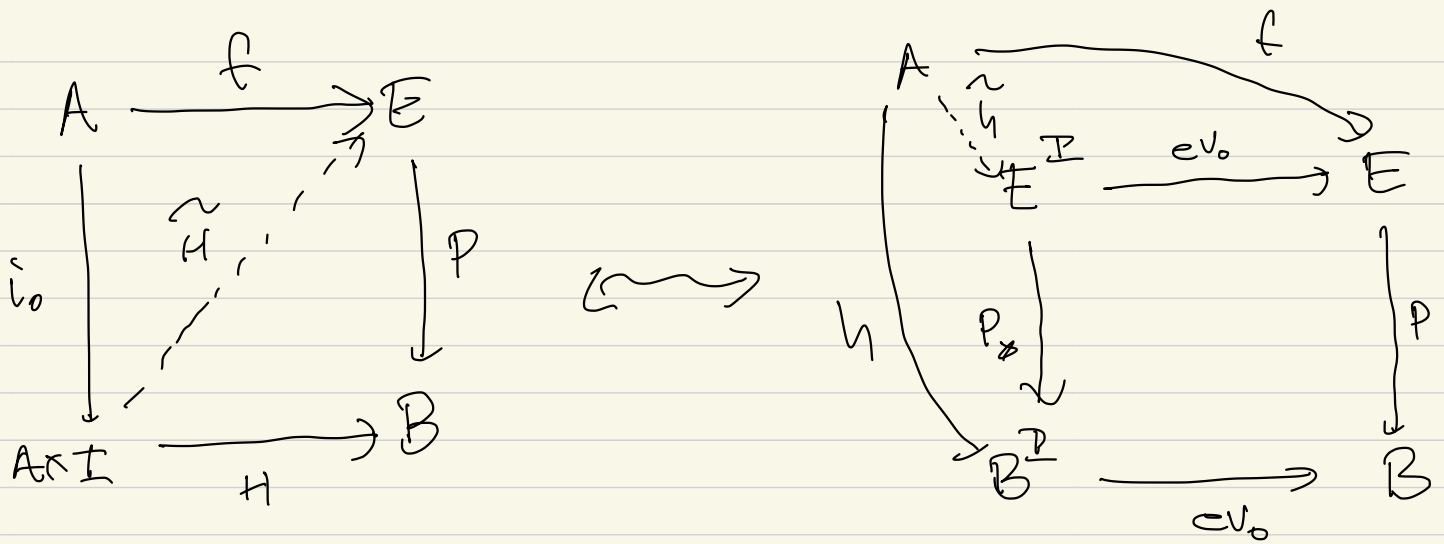
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## Fibrations & the HLP

Def<sup>n</sup>: A map  $p: E \rightarrow B$  has the

$\mathcal{E}$ -homotopy lifting property, if for every

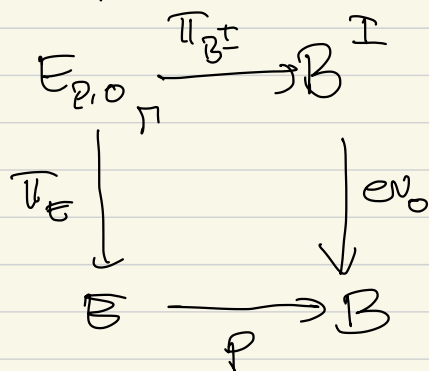
$A \in \mathcal{E}$ , we can complete the diagram:



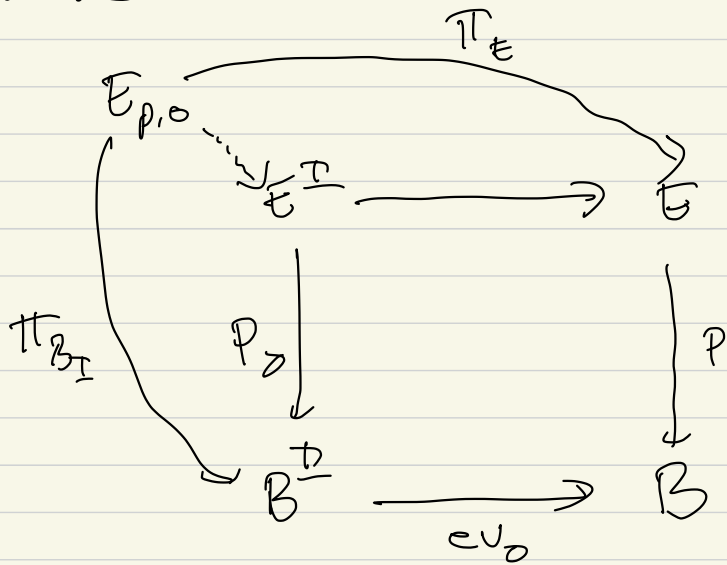
Rem:  $\tilde{H}$  need not be unique.

Def: If  $E = \text{Top}$  a map  $p: E \rightarrow B$  with  $HLP$  is called a fibration. If  $E = \{I^n\}$  then this is called a Serre fibration.  
*Hurewicz* =  $\{CW\text{-complexes}\}$

let  $E_{p,0} = \{(e, \gamma) \mid \gamma(0) = p(e)\} \subset E \times B^I$   
 i.e., the pull-back



Prop: A map  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a fibration if and only if there exists a map  $E_{p,0} \rightarrow E^I$  making the diagram commute:



Proof: If  $p$  is a fibration, this is just FLLP

• If there is such a map, use the universal property of the pull-back.

Key: Fibrations are preserved under pull-back.

Exercise: A composition of fibrations is a fibration.

# HELP (!!!)

Theorem: let  $(X, A)$  be a relative CW complex of dimension  $\leq n$ , & let  $e: Y \rightarrow Z$  be an  $n$ -equivalence. Then, given maps

$$f: X \longrightarrow Z$$

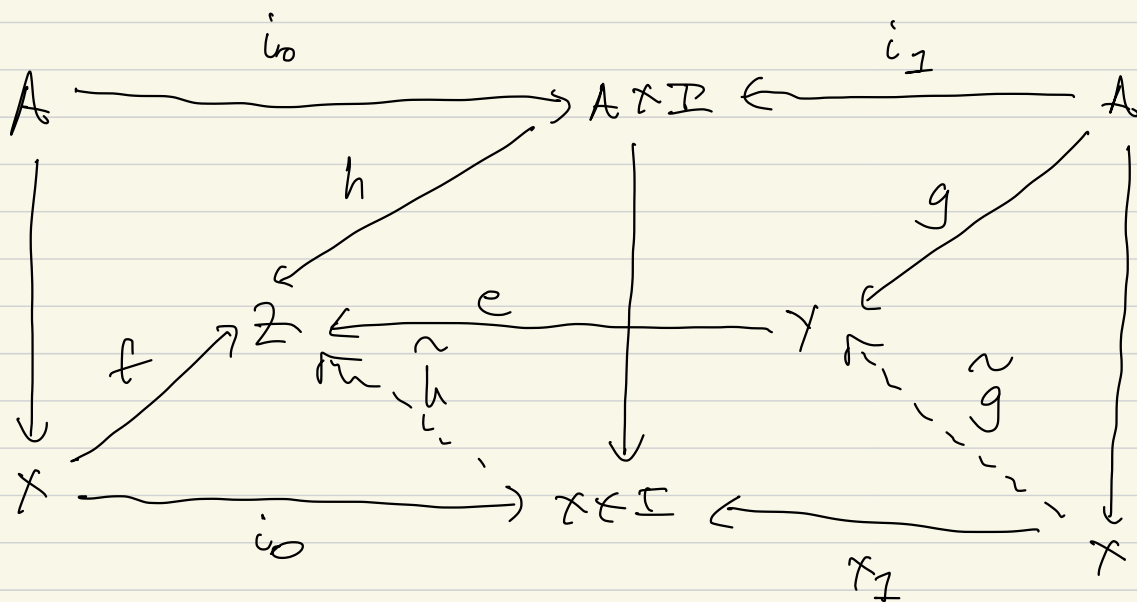
$$g: A \longrightarrow Y$$

$$h: A \times I \longrightarrow Z$$

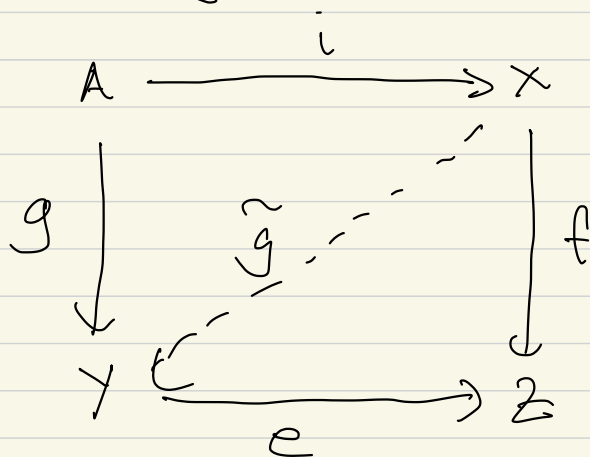
such that

$$f|_A = h \circ i_0$$

$$e \circ g = h \circ i_1$$



Rem: Equivalently:



Suppose that this square commutes up to homotopy (called  $H$ ),

then  $\exists \tilde{g}$  such that the upper triangle commutes, & the bottom triangle commutes up to a homotopy  $\hat{H}$  that extends  $H$  ( $\hat{H}|_{A \times Z} = H$ ).

Rem 2: Passing to colimits, I can take  $n \geq \infty$ .