

The homotopy theory of ideals in stable model categories

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Given a C -colored operad O , denote by C^0 (resp. C^1) the first (resp. second) copies of $C \amalg C$. Given $c \in C$, write $c^\epsilon \in C^\epsilon$ for the same c in each copy, for $\epsilon \in \{0, 1\}$. Define:

$$O^s(c_1^{\epsilon_1}, \dots, c_n^{\epsilon_n}) = O(\underline{c})^{d^1}$$
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An O^s -algebra is a pair (A, X) of C -colored objects, plus structure maps making A into an O -algebra, X into an A -bimodule, and $f : X \rightarrow A$ into an A -bimodule map. This is similar to the two-colored operad for monoid maps.

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Examples: symmetric/equivariant-orthogonal/motivic spectra, $Ch(k)$, $\text{StMod}(k[G])$, enriched functors, S -modules, etc.

Comparison with ∞ -operads

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If M is cof. gen., $M^b \subset M$, and O is Σ_C -cofibrant (symmetric) C -colored operad. Denote by:

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- $\text{Alg}(O; M[W^{-1}])$, the ∞ -category obtained by first passing from M to the (symmetric) monoidal ∞ -category $M[W^{-1}]$ and then passing to O -algebras.

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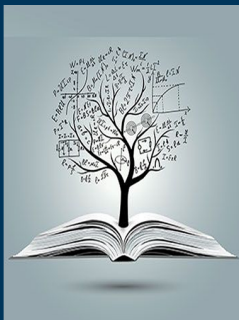
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