

n -Butterflies: Modeling Derived Morphisms of Strict n -Groups

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Outline



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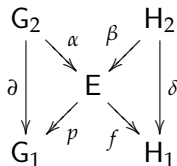
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A butterfly from $[G : \partial]$ to $[H : \delta]$ is a commutative diagram



where both diagonals are complexes, $H_2 \rightarrow E \rightarrow G_1$ is short exact and for $x \in E, g \in G_2, h \in H_2$

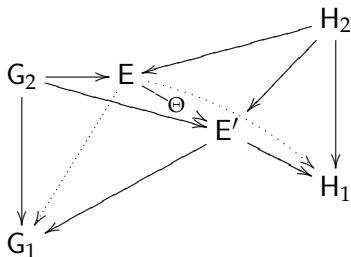
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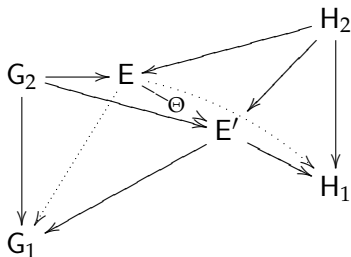


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Extended Dold-Kan Theorem

Theorem (N. Ashley)

The Moore complex gives an extension of the Dold-Kan correspondence to the category of reduced crossed complexes **xc**.

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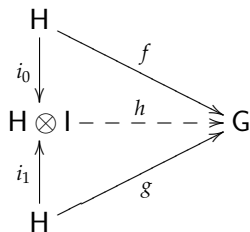
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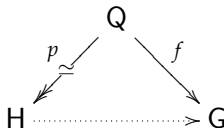


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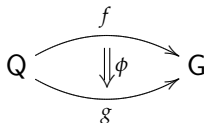
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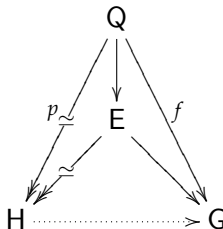


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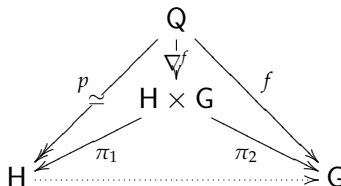
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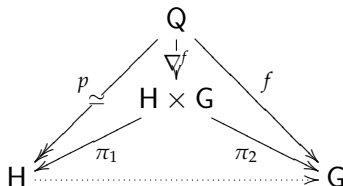


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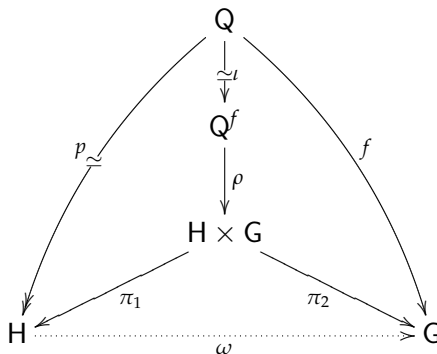
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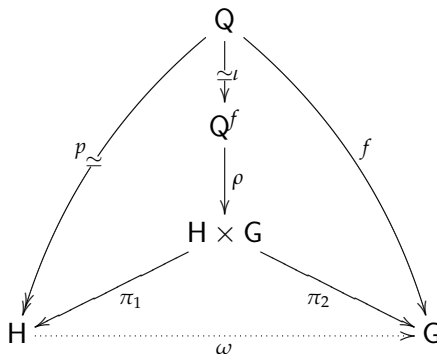
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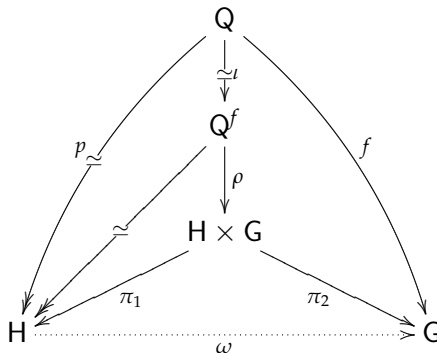


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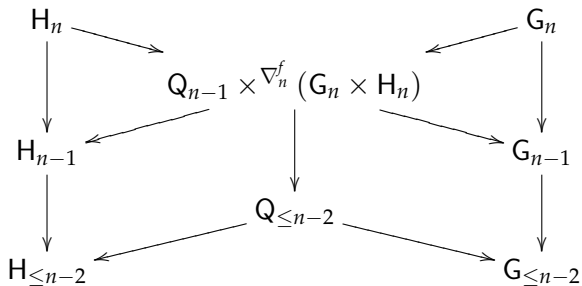


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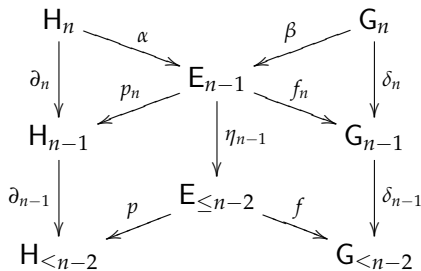
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- By unfolding the map $Q^f \xrightarrow{\rho} H \times G$, we have a commutative diagram



Definition

A n -**Butterfly** from H to G is



where $[E : \eta] \xrightarrow{p} [H_{\leq n-1} : \partial]$ and $[E : \eta] \xrightarrow{f} [G_{\leq n-1} : \partial]$
are morphisms of reduced $(n-1)$ -crossed complexes;

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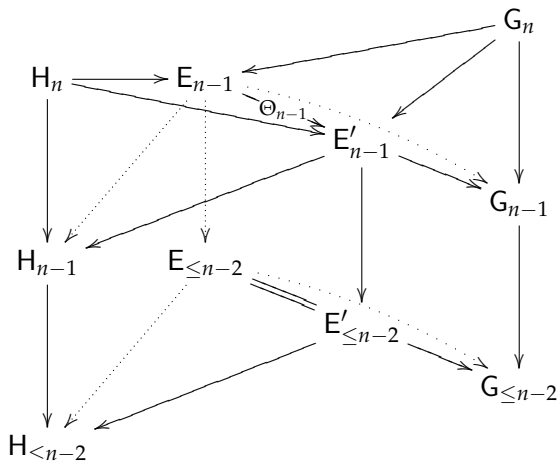
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