

## Semantics of colours:

**Blue** = “Standard” Mathematics

**Red** = Constructive, effective,  
algorithm, machine object, ...

**Violet** = Problem, difficulty,  
obstacle, disadvantage, ...

**Green** = Solution, essential point,  
mathematicians, ...

# Functional Programming and Complexity

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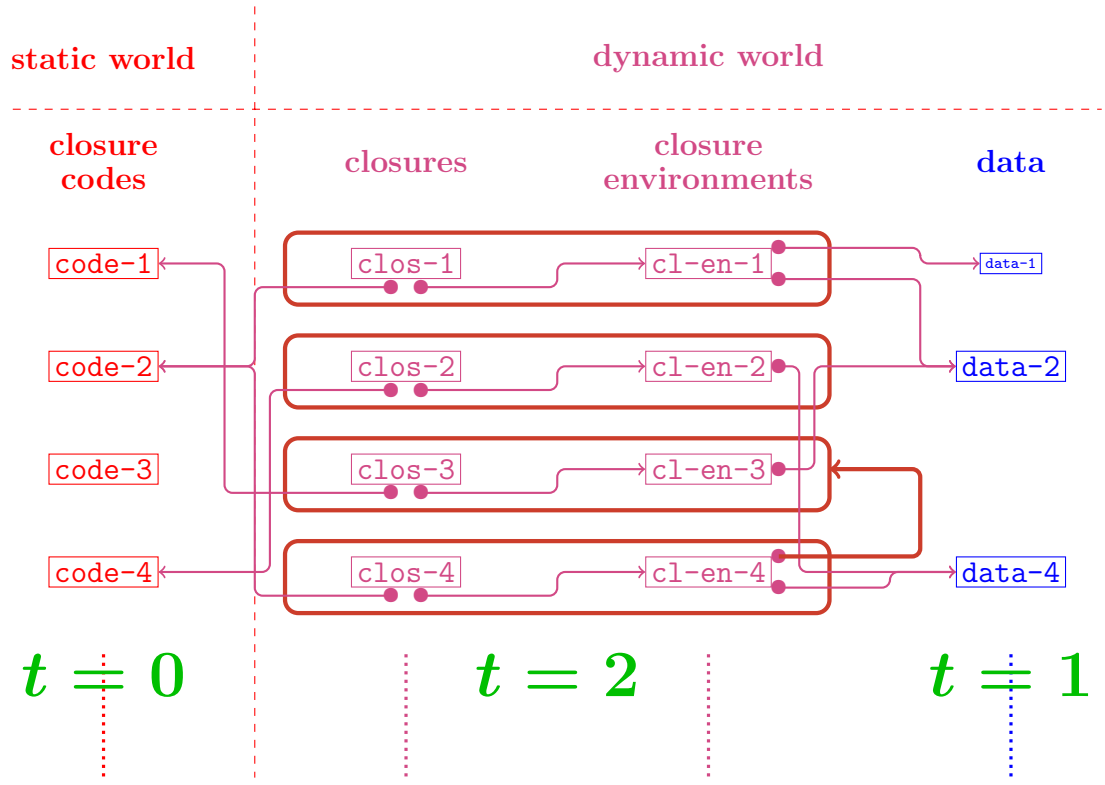
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## Plan.

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- 5. Particular case of the **Kenzo program**  
for the **homology** of **iterated loop spaces**.
- 6. **Challenges** for **Proof Assistants**.



# 1. Introduction.

Standard work in **complexity** study:

1. Write down a **program**  $P : \mathcal{T}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_2$ .

2. **Determine** the **complexity** of  $P$  as

a **function**  $\chi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  satisfying:

$$\tau(P, \omega_1) \leq \chi(\sigma(\omega_1))$$

with:  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2 =$  some **data types**;

$\tau(P, \omega_1) =$  **computing time** of  $P$

working on the arbitrary **input**  $\omega_1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ ;

$\sigma(\omega_1) =$  **size** of the **input**  $\omega_1$ .

## Subprogram technology.

Simple case:  $P$  contains two subprograms  $p_1$ , and  $p_2$ .

A run of  $P : \omega_1 \mapsto \omega_8$  could be:

$$\omega_1 \xrightarrow{P'} \omega_2 \xrightarrow{p_1} \omega_3 \xrightarrow{P''} \omega_4 \xrightarrow{p_2} \omega_5 \xrightarrow{P'''} \omega_6 \xrightarrow{p_1} \omega_7 \xrightarrow{P''''} \omega_8$$

A subprogram  $p$  may also call other subprograms  $p'$ ,  $p''$ , ...  
or recursively call itself, and so on.

The complexity of the subprograms

usually is a subproblem of the complexity of  $P$ ,

but the nature of the problem is the same.

In “ordinary” programming,  
the program and in particular all the subprograms  
are written down before execution,  
left unchanged during the execution.

Functional programming is the art of writing programs  
which dynamically generate new functional objects  
during the execution.

Question: How to process this new context  
when studying the complexity of such a program?

Main tool to study the problem:

Notion of **LEXICAL CLOSURE**

Main results:

Most **dynamic generations of functional objects**  
are **efficiently** covered by (lexical) **closures**.

Studying the **complexity** of these objects is divided in three steps:

- Arbitrary segment of program  
**preparing** the **closure generation**.
- Actual **generation** of the closure (often **free!**).
- **Execution** of the **closure body**.



Example : The **Kenzo program** contains

about **250** segments of **Lisp code**

devoted to **closure generations**.

Several thousands of **closures** are **generated**

for every meaningful **use** of **Kenzo**.

Proving polynomiality ??

**Easy** through the notion of **polynomial configuration**.

Corollary: The computation  $X \xrightarrow{\text{Kenzo}} \pi_n X$

is **polynomial** with respect to  $X$  simply connected,  $n$  fixed.

## 2. Dynamic generation of functional objects is necessary.

Notion of simplicial set with effective homology  $X_{EH}$ :

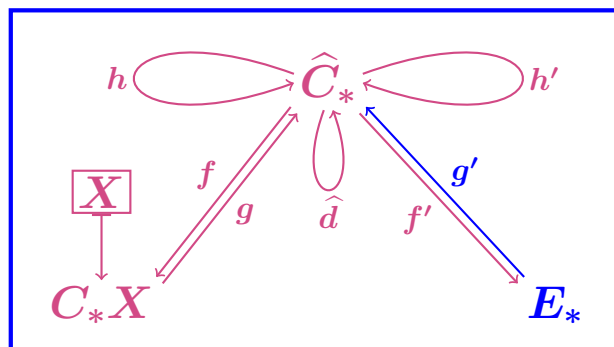
$$X_{EH} = (X, E_*, \varepsilon)$$

with:  $X$  = one functional object implementing  
the face operator of  $X$  ( $X$  often non-finite).

$E_*$  = Free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -chain complex of finite type.

$\varepsilon$  = Strong homology equivalence = .../...

$$\varepsilon = ((\widehat{C}_*, \widehat{d}), f, g, h, f', g', h')$$



In general, all violet objects are not of finite type  
necessarily functionally coded.

**Implementation** of a **simplicial set**  $X$  not of finite type:

$$X = (\mathcal{T}_X, \partial_X : \mathcal{T}_X \times \tilde{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_X)$$

with:

$\mathcal{T}_X =$  **Type** of the **simplices** of  $X$  ;

$\partial_X =$  **Face operator** of  $X$ :  $\partial_X(\sigma, i) =$   **$i$ -th face** of  $\sigma$ ;

## Whitehead tower's method (!) computing homotopy groups.

1.  $X$  simply connected given.
2. Hurewicz  $\Rightarrow \pi_2 X = H_2 X$  computable (?).
3.  $X_3 = K(\pi_2, 1) \times_{\tau} X$  (=  $X$  with  $\pi_2$  killed) is 2-connected.
4. Hurewicz  $\Rightarrow \pi_3 X = \pi_3 X_3 = H_3 X$  computable (??).
5.  $X_4 = K(\pi_3, 2) \times_{\tau} X_3$  (=  $X_3$  with  $\pi_3$  killed  
=  $X$  with  $\pi_2$  and  $\pi_3$  killed) is 3-connected.
6. Hurewicz  $\Rightarrow \pi_4 X = \pi_4 X_4 = H_4 X_4$  computable (???)
7.  $X_5 = \dots \dots$

## Groups actually computable ???

**Answer = Yes** if all the objects  
are simplicial sets **with effective homology**

⇒ Actual **Whitehead's algorithm**.

1.  $[X, E_*^X, \varepsilon^X]$  simply connected given.

2.  $E_*^X$  of finite type ⇒  $H_2X = H_2E_*^X$  computable !

3. Effective homology theory ⇒

$$[X, E_*^X, \varepsilon^X] + [K(\pi_2, 1), E_*^{K(\pi_2, 1)}, \varepsilon^{K(\pi_2, 1)}] \mapsto [X_3, E_*^{X_3}, \varepsilon^{X_3}]$$

= version with effective homology of  $X_3$ .

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4.  $E_*^{X_3}$  of finite type  $\Rightarrow \pi_3 X = \pi_3 X_3 = H_3 X_3$  computable !

5. **Effective homology theory**  $\Rightarrow \dots \dots$

Remark: Requires also versions with effective homology  
of the Eilenberg-MacLane spaces  $K(\pi, n)$

for  $\pi =$  Abelian group of finite type.

$$\text{Effective homology theory} \Rightarrow [K(\pi, n), E_*^{K(\pi, n)}, \varepsilon^{K(\pi, n)}].$$

Finally **Whitehead's algorithm**  $X \mapsto \pi_n X$

must necessarily be decomposed:

$$X \mapsto X_3 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto X_{n-1} \mapsto X_n \mapsto H_n X_n$$

with auxiliary **Eilenberg-MacLane spaces**.

All the **objects**  $X_i$  and  $K(\pi, i)$  contain lots of components  
that are **functional objects**.

$\Rightarrow$  A **complexity study** of the **Whitehead's algorithm** requires  
a **study of the cost**  
of the **dynamic generation** of all these functional objects.



### 3. Technology of Closure Generation.

Two facts:

- A **machine** can only **execute**  
program segments “**imagined**” by the **programmer**.
- A **programmer** remains the only “**object**”  
finally able to “**imagine**”  
from scratch program segments.

**Functional object**  $\supset$  **Program segment**

$\Rightarrow$  A **machine** may not itself “**imagine**” such a **segment**.

$\Rightarrow$  A machine cannot create from scratch a **functional object**.

## Facts:

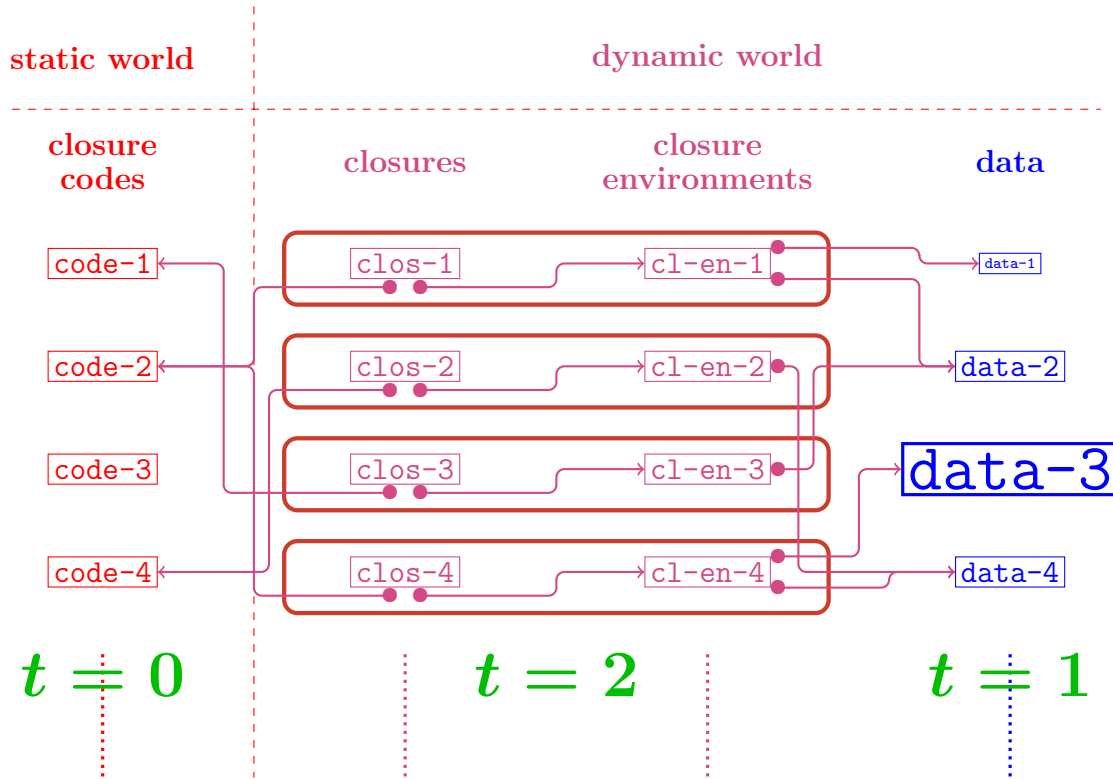
- A **machine** can **only** create a **functional object** following a **pattern** defined by the programmer.
- In particular, the **code** of the **functional object** must be defined by the **programmer** before execution.

## Finally:

- A **lexical closure** is a **constant code** combined with **arbitrary extra data** constituting its **own environment**.

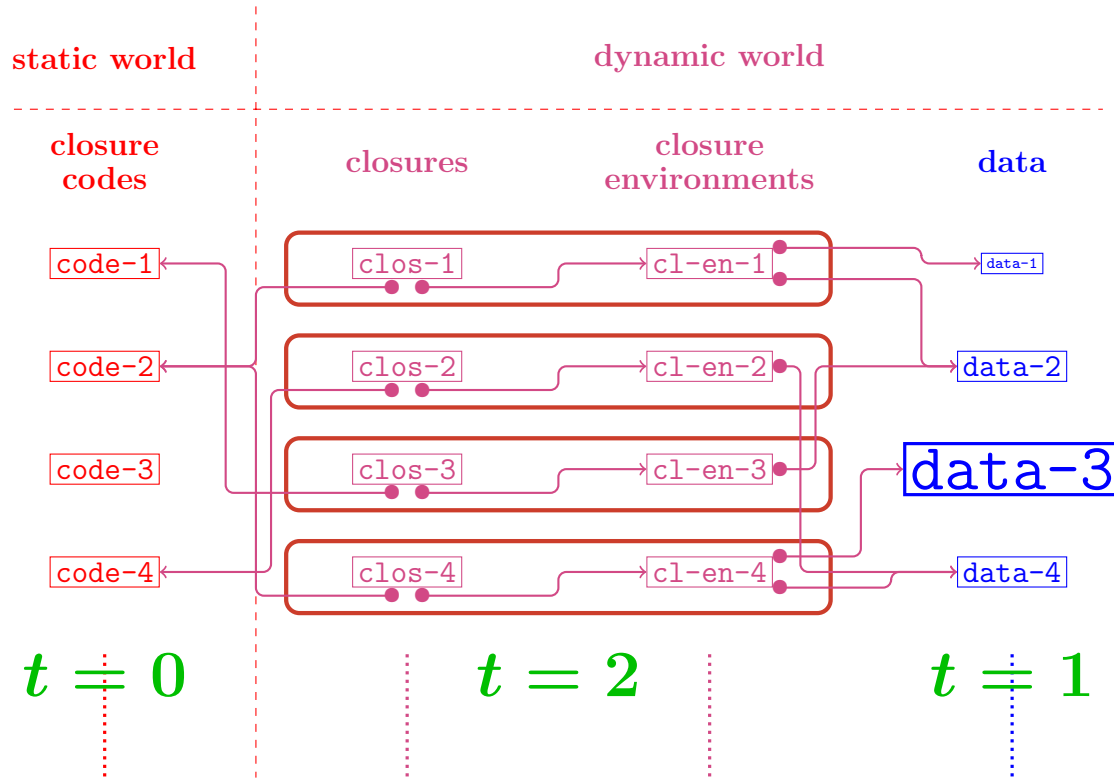
## General organization of closures:

- Most problems of **dynamic generation of functional objects** can be solved through the notion of (lexical) **closure**.
- A **closure** is a pair **[code + environment]**.
- The **code** of a **closure** must be defined **by the programmer before execution**.
- An **arbitrary number** of **generated closures** may **share the same code**.
- Only **one copy** of such a **code** is in the **memory**, **present before execution**.
- All the **closures** sharing this **code** can reach it for use when they are **invoked**.
- .....



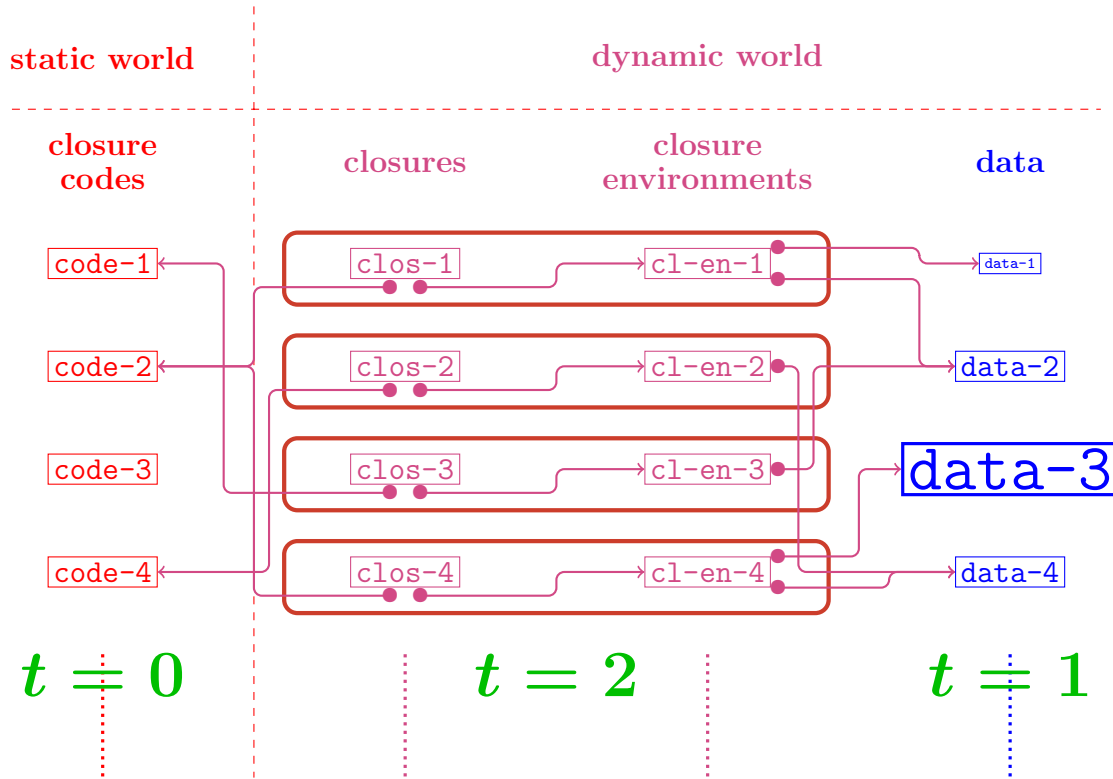
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- All the **closures** sharing this **code** can reach it for use  
when they are **invoked**.
- The **environment** of a **closure** is **dynamically generated**  
when the **closure** is **generated**.
- The **environment** of a **closure** is a **table of machine addresses**.
- This **table** is made of  
the **addresses** of the **objects** constituting the **environment**  
of this **particular copy** of the closure.
- .....

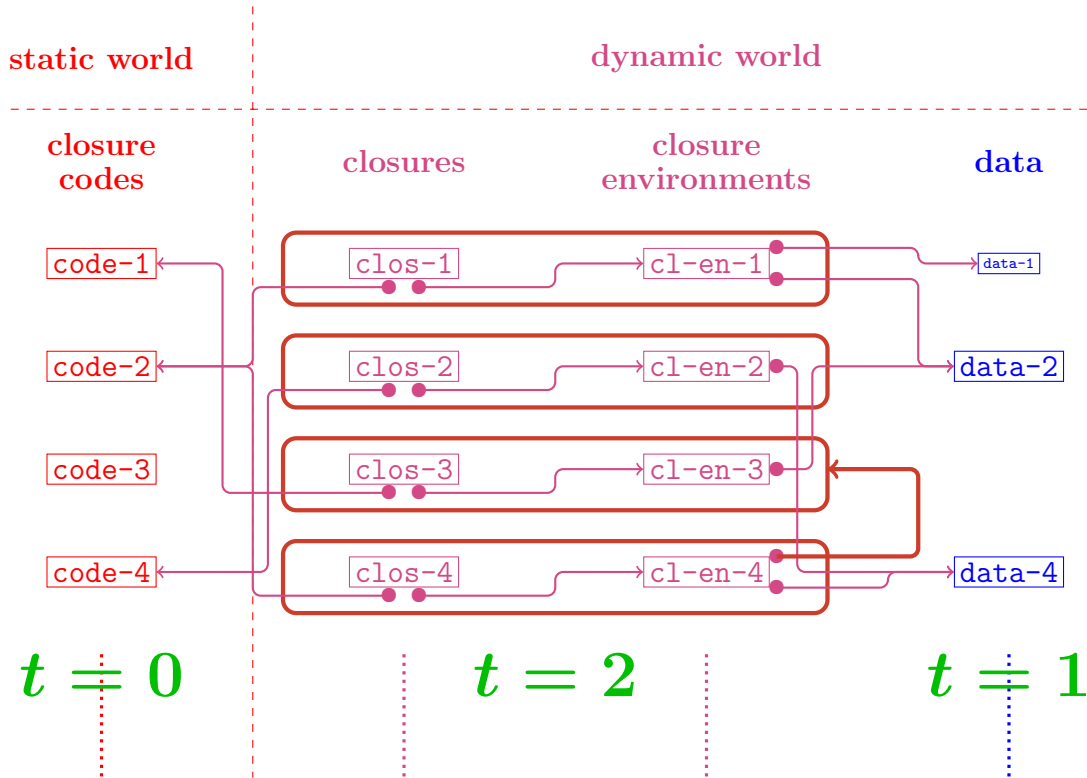


## General organization of closures (continued).

- .....
- The **objects** of this **environment**, not their **addresses**,  
may be arbitrarily **modified during execution**.
- The **environments** of the **closures** sharing the same **code**  
have the **same format**, in particular the **same size**,
- These **environments** and the corresponding **closures**  
are **generated in constant time**.
- $\Rightarrow$  With respect to **complexity problems**,  
most often, the **generation of a closure is free**.







#### 4. Functional Programming and Polynomial Complexity.

Assumed: Functional Programming is done  
through (lexical) closures  
and it is legal to ignore  
the generation cost of the closures.

⇔

The number of generated closures is uniformly bounded.

## Type reminder:

Atomic types: Numbers, booleans, characters, symbols, ...

*a* atomic object  $\Rightarrow$

Obvious notion of size  $\sigma(a)$ .

Decidable types: Atomic objects, lists, arrays, records, ...

made of decidable objects.

*a* decidable object  $\Rightarrow$

Obvious notion of size  $\sigma(a)$ .

Functional types:  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2 = \text{types}$  already defined.

$\mathcal{T}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_2 := \text{types}$  of **functional objects**  $\alpha$  satisfying

$$a \in \mathcal{T}_1 \Rightarrow \alpha(a) \text{ terminates and } \alpha(a) \in \mathcal{T}_2.$$

The **functional types** can in turn be used

to **compose** other **arbitrary complex types**.

Example:  $A, \dots, H$  **decidable types**. Then the **type**:

$$[(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (C \rightarrow D)] \rightarrow [(E \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (G \rightarrow H)]$$

is defined.

What about a size function for the **objects** of this **type**?



In ordinary programming:

$\alpha : A \rightarrow B$  with  $A$  and  $B$  decidable.

Then:

$$\sigma(\alpha(a)) \leq \tau(\alpha, a)$$

Proof: Turing machine model.

In functional programming:

$$\alpha : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$$

can be a very small program  $\alpha$  producing very quickly

a very small functional object  $\alpha(a) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

being a terrible Ackermann function.

Solution ???

Standard type equivalences via currying and uncurrying:

$$A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\text{currying}} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{uncurrying}} \end{array} (A \times B) \rightarrow C$$

$$\mathcal{T} := \boxed{\begin{array}{c} C \rightarrow D \\ \uparrow \\ A \rightarrow B \end{array}} \longrightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{c} G \rightarrow H \\ \uparrow \\ E \rightarrow F \end{array}}$$

Uncurrying  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  is equivalent to:

$$\{[(A \rightarrow B) \times C] \rightarrow D\} \times \{(E \rightarrow F) \times G\} \longrightarrow H$$

with all targets decidable if  $A, \dots, H$  are.

Definition: A (polynomial) configuration for a type  $\mathcal{T}$

is a map: arrow  $\mapsto$  degree

defined on the arrows of a complete uncurrying of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Examples:  $\mathcal{T}$  decidable  $\Rightarrow$  empty configuration.

$A \rightarrow B$  with  $A$  and  $B$  decidable.

A configuration is simply a degree  $d$ .

Means we intend to work only with

the functional objects  $\alpha \in (A \rightarrow B)$

proved  $\leq d$ -polynomially complex:

$$\tau(\alpha, a) \leq k(1 + \sigma(a)^d)$$

A configuration for :  $\mathcal{T} :=$

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$$\chi = (d_B, d_D, d_F, d_H) \in \text{Conf}_{\mathcal{T}}$$

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Definition:  $(\mathcal{T}, \chi) := (\mathcal{T}', \chi') \xrightarrow{d_H} H$

with  $H$  decidable and  $\chi = (\chi', d_H)$ .

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{T} := (\mathcal{T}' \rightarrow H).$$

Then 
$$\sigma_\chi(\alpha) := \sup_{a \in (\mathcal{T}', \chi')} \frac{\tau(\alpha, a)}{1 + \sigma_{\chi'}(a)^{d_H}}$$

with  $a \in (\mathcal{T}', \chi')$  and  $\sigma_{\chi'}(a)$

assumed recursively already defined.

$$\alpha \in (\mathcal{T}, \chi) \text{ iff } \sigma_\chi(\alpha) < +\infty.$$

$$\left\{ \left[ [(A \xrightarrow{d_B} B) \times C] \xrightarrow{d_D} D \right] \times [(E \xrightarrow{d_F} F) \times G] \right\} \xrightarrow{d_H} H$$

$$\boxed{\alpha : \mathcal{T}' \rightarrow A}, A \text{ decidable.}$$

Definition:  $\alpha$  is **polynomial** if,

$\boxed{\text{for every}}$  configuration  $\chi' = (d_B, d_D, d_F) \in \text{Conf}_{\mathcal{T}'}$ ,

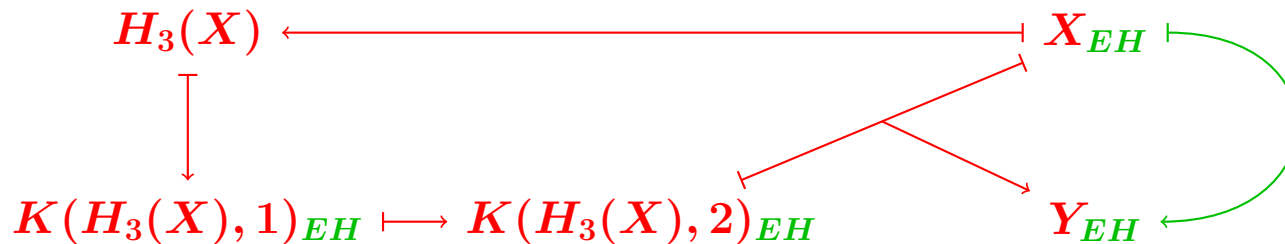
$\boxed{\text{there exists}}$   $d_H < +\infty$  satisfying:

$$\alpha \in (\mathcal{T}, (\chi', d))$$

Proposition: Every **composition diagram**  
of **polynomial functional objects**  
is a **polynomial functional object**.

Proof: **Obvious**.

Example:



## 5. Particular case of the **Kenzo program**

for the **homology** of **iterated loop spaces**.

Main algorithm:  $\rho : \mathcal{SSEH} \rightarrow \mathcal{SSEH} : X_{EH} \mapsto (\Omega X)_{EH}$

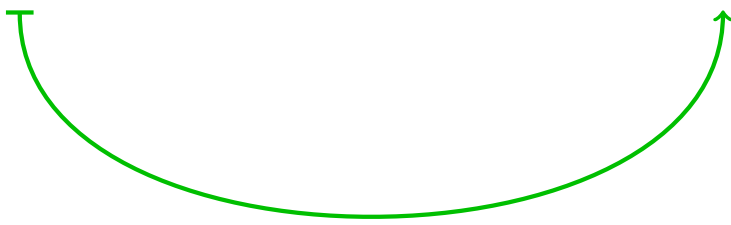
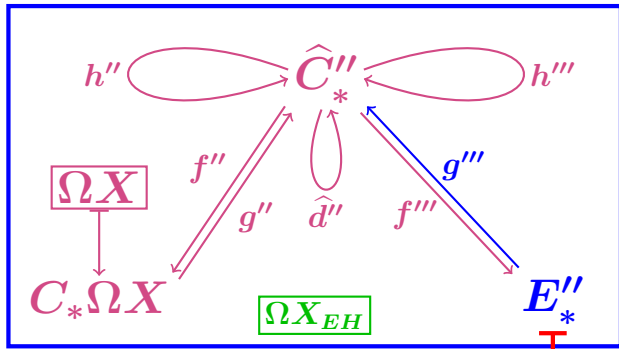
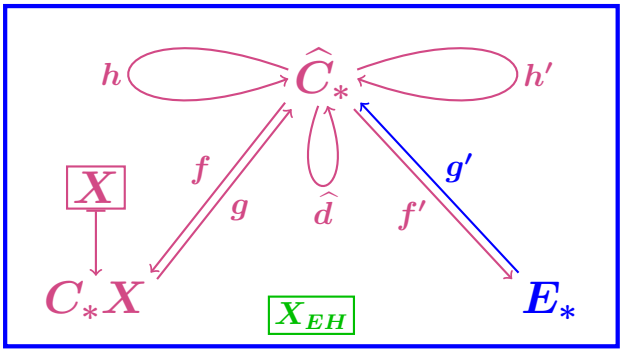
$\mathcal{SSEH} :=$  type of **Simplicial Sets with Effective Homology** ;

$X_{EH} =$  some **simplicial set with effective homology** ;

$\Omega X :=$  **Loop space** of  $X := \text{Cont}(S^1, X)$ .

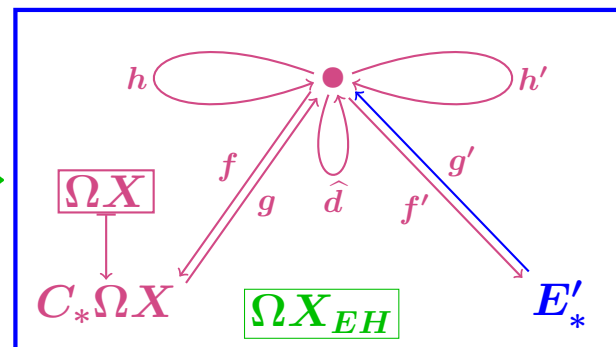
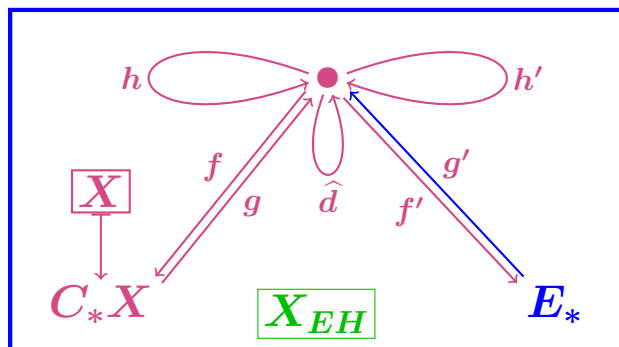
$(\Omega X)_{EH} =$  Version **with effective homology** of  $\Omega X$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Trivial iteration !!

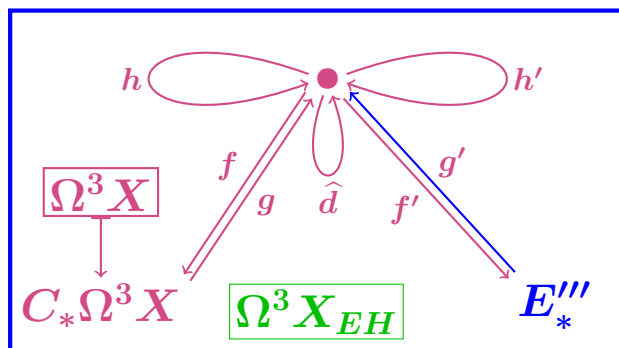


$$H_* E''_* = H_* \Omega X$$

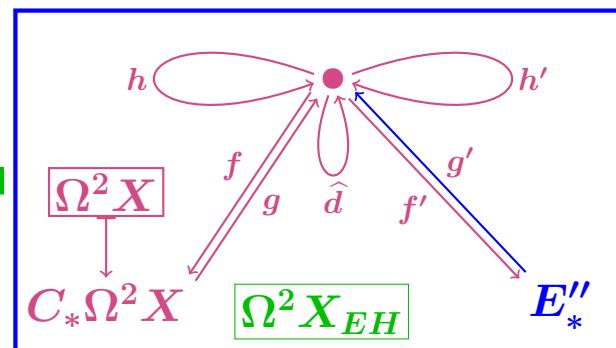
$\rho = \text{J. Rubio's algorithm}$



F. Adams (1956)



J. Rubio (1989)



H. Baues (1980)

Lemma:  $\rho$  is polynomial [up to some fixed dimension].

Proof: Exercise.

Corollary:  $\rho^n$  is polynomial [n fixed].

Corollary<sup>2</sup> : The computation of  $H_p(\Omega^n X)$   
is polynomial /  $X$ .

$$X_{EH} \mapsto (\Omega X)_{EH} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto (\Omega^n X)_{EH} \mapsto H_p \Omega^n X$$



Typical example of **computation** :

$$X = P^\infty \mathbb{R} / P^3 \mathbb{R}$$

$$H_5(\Omega^3 X) = ???$$

Typical example of **computation** :

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$$H_5(\Omega^3 X) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

Analogous technology for **homotopy groups**,  
more complicated.

Example:  $\pi_6(\Omega S^3 \cup_2 D^3) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

## Requires:

- **EH-version** of the **second Eilenberg-Moore SS** (1×)
- **EH-version** of the **first Eilenberg-Moore SS** (6×)
- **EH-version** of the **Serre SS** (4×)
- **9 Eilenberg-MacLane spaces with effective homology:**

$$K(\mathbb{Z}/2, 1)_{EH} \quad K(\mathbb{Z}/2, 1)_{EH}$$

$$K(\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}/4, 1)_{EH} \quad K(\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}/4, 2)_{EH} \quad K(\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}/4, 3)_{EH}$$

$$K((\mathbb{Z}/2)^4, 1)_{EH} \quad K((\mathbb{Z}/2)^4, 1)_{EH} \quad K((\mathbb{Z}/2)^4, 1)_{EH} \quad K((\mathbb{Z}/2)^4, 1)_{EH}$$

+ 14 days of calculations on a good machine.

Theorem: The *EH*-algorithm:

$$(n, X) \mapsto \pi_n(X)$$

is *polynomial* with respect to *X*.

Theorem (*Anick*, 1989): The *polynomiality* of  $\pi_n(X)$

with respect to *n*

is as difficult as  $P = NP$ .

## 6. Challenges for Proof Assistants:

- Certified Proof for  $H_n(\Omega^p X)$  polynomial /  $X$ .
- Certified Proof for  $\pi_n X$  polynomial /  $X$ .
- Certified Proof for the  $H_n(\Omega^p X)$  computed by Kenzo.
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