

# The Right Adjunction of Thom spectrum Functor

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## 0.1 Notation

Let  $G$  be a group over the  $\infty$  orthogonal group  $O(\infty)$  with  $e \in G$  a nondegenerated basepoint, (so  $G$  is automatically a group  $\mathcal{S}$ -FCP),  $\mathcal{U}/B$  be the (nonbased) CGWH category over a space  $B$ ,  $\mathcal{U}[H]$  be the category of spaces with a right action for a (CGWH) topological group  $H$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  be the category of May's  $(\Omega-)$ spectra in a fixed universe. And Thom spectrum functor is denoted by  $M : \mathcal{U}/BG \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ .

## 0.2 Proposition

Given a map  $(X \rightarrow BG) \in \mathcal{U}/BG$  and  $E \in \mathcal{S}$ , then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}}(MX, E) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}[G]}(p^*X, \Omega^\infty E) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}/BG}(X, EG \times_G \Omega^\infty E)$$

where  $p$  is the map  $EG \rightarrow BG$ . Since  $\Omega^\infty E = E_0 = \Omega^V E_V = F(S^V, E_V)$  for any  $V$  in the universe,  $\Omega^\infty E$  admits a right  $G(V)$ -action by the left action on  $S^V$ , and this action is coherent for all  $V$ , so we get a right  $G$ -action on  $\Omega^\infty E$ .

*proof:*

First we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}}(MX, E) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}}(\text{colim}_V MX_V, E) = \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}}(MX_V, E)$$

Second we define  $EX_V$  and  $Z(V)$  by pullback diagrams,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} EX_V & \longrightarrow & B(*, G(V), G(V)) & Z_V & \longrightarrow & B(*, G(V), G) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X_V & \longrightarrow & B(*, G(V), *) & X_V & \longrightarrow & B(*, G(V), *) \end{array}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}}(MX_V, E) &= \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}_*}(EX_{V+} \wedge_{G(V)} S^V, E_V) = \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}_*[G_{V+}]}(EX_{V+}, \Omega^V E_V) \\ &= \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}[G_V]}(EX_V, \Omega^\infty E) = \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}[G]}(EX_V \times_{G_V} G, \Omega^\infty E) = \lim_V \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}[G]}(Z_V, \Omega^\infty E) = \text{Hom}_G(p^*X, \Omega^\infty E) \end{aligned}$$

Since equivariant maps from a principle  $G$ -bundle to a  $G$ -space is equivalent to following sections.

$$\text{Hom}_G(p^*X, \Omega^\infty E) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}/X}(X, p^*X \times_G \Omega^\infty E) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{U}/BG}(X, EG \times_G \Omega^\infty E)$$

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**Remark:** This process doesn't work in the prespectrum level, because the right  $G$ -action on  $\Omega^\infty E$  only appears for a spectrum  $E$ .