

# Equivariant Homotopy Theory for Representable Orbifolds

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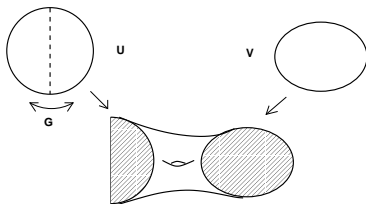
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## What is an orbifold?

- Orbifolds form a generalization of manifolds.
- Local charts are of the form  $U/G$  for some finite group acting on an open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  via diffeomorphisms,  $\rho_G: G \rightarrow \text{Diffeo}(U)$ ,

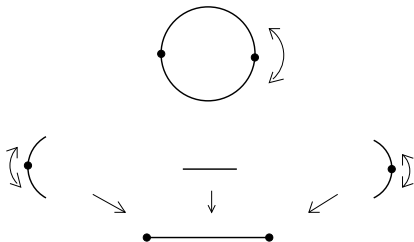


and they are locally compatible (expressed in terms of embeddings of charts).

- An orbifold is a paracompact Hausdorff space with an equivalence class of orbifold atlases.

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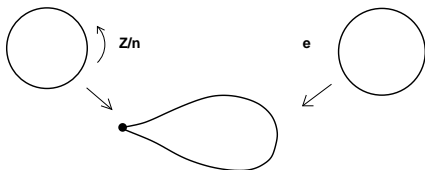
- 1 Manifolds (no non-trivial isotropy groups)
- 2 A *global quotient* of a properly discontinuous group  $G$  acting on a manifold  $M$   
**Eg**  $M = S^1$  with  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2$  action



The orbifold consists of the orbit space  $M/G$  together with the data about the isotropy groups

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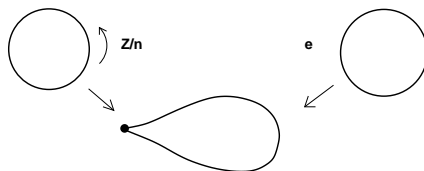


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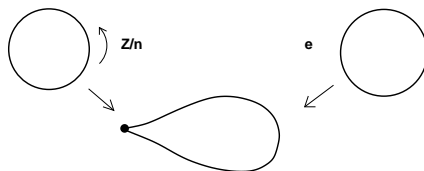
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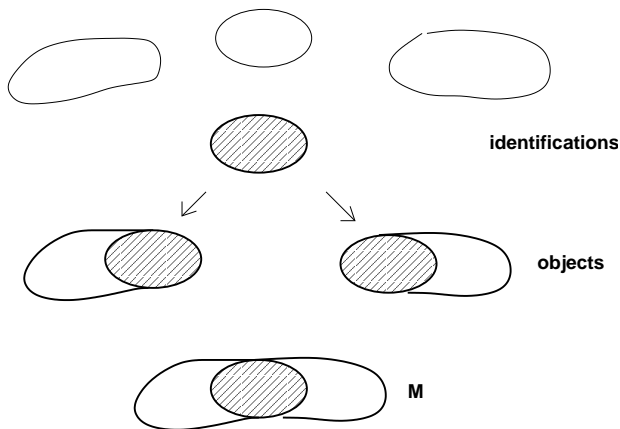


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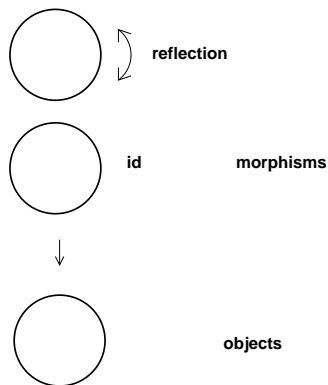
A manifold can be viewed as a smooth topological equivalence relation.





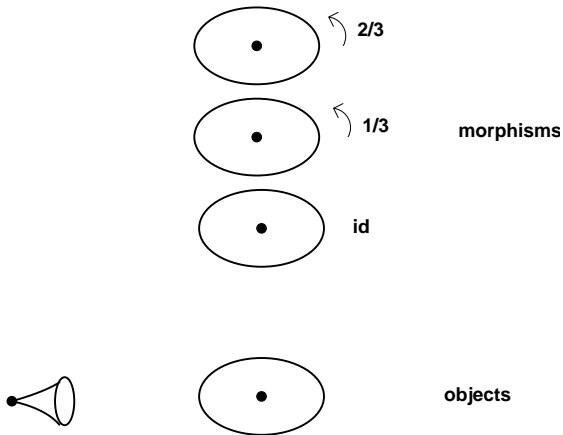
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**Example 1: a Global Quotient Orbifold** Take  $X = S^1$  with the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action by reflection.

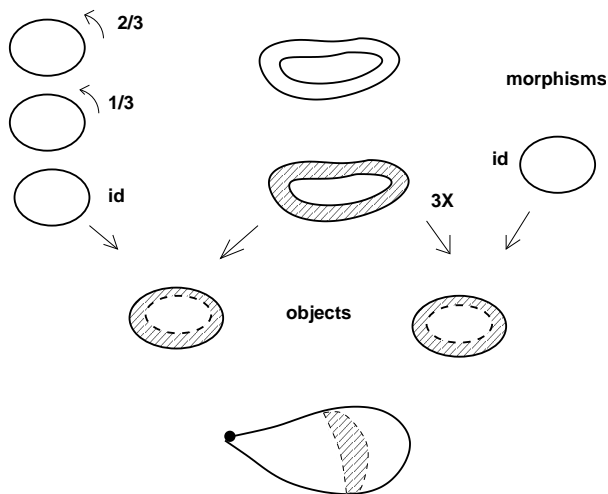


## Example 2: a Single Chart Orbifold

We model an order 3 cone with



**Example 3: an orbifold atlas with several charts** For the teardrop we obtain:



## Smooth Groupoids

- A Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G}$  is a groupoid in the category of smooth manifolds

$$G_1 \times_{s, G_0, t} G_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\pi_1} \\ \xrightarrow{m} \\ \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \end{array} G_1 \xrightarrow{i} G_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{u} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} G_0$$

such that the source and target maps are **submersions**.

- Homomorphisms**  $\varphi: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  are internal functors,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & H_1 \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ G_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & H_0 \end{array}$$

- 2-Cells**  $\alpha: \varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  are internal natural transformations,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & H_1 \\ s \Downarrow t & \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \psi_1 \\ \searrow \varphi_0 \end{array} & s \Downarrow t \\ G_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & H_0 \end{array}$$

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- For an orbifold atlas  $\mathcal{U}$  there is an **atlas groupoid**  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- Its **manifold of objects** is the disjoint union of charts.
- Its **manifold of arrows** is a quotient of the space

$$\coprod_{\lambda_1: U \hookrightarrow V_1, \lambda_2: U \hookrightarrow V_2} U$$

- Atlas groupoids are **étale** in the sense that the source and target maps are local diffeomorphisms.
- Atlas groupoids are **proper** in the sense that the map  $(s, t): G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \times G_0$  is proper.
- However, equivalent atlases do not necessarily give rise to isomorphic or equivalent groupoids.

# Morita Equivalence for Groupoids

## Theorem (Morita Equivalence for Groupoids in Set)

*Given two small groupoids  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ , the following are equivalent:*

1. *there is an equivalence of categories*  
 $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{G}^{op}, \text{Set}) \simeq \text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}^{op}, \text{Set});$
2.  *$\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  are equivalent;*
3. *there are weak equivalences  $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ;*
4. *there are profunctors (or, bimodules)  $\varphi: \mathcal{G} \dashv \vdash \mathcal{H}$  and  $\psi: \mathcal{H} \dashv \vdash \mathcal{G}$  such that  $\psi \circ \varphi \cong 1_{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $\varphi \circ \psi \cong 1_{\mathcal{H}}$ .*



# Essential Equivalences of Smooth Groupoids

## Definition

A morphism  $\varphi: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  of Lie groupoids is an **essential equivalence** when it satisfies the following two conditions:

- $\varphi$  is **essentially surjective on objects** in the sense that  $t \circ \pi_2$  is a **surjective submersion**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} G_0 \times_{H_0} H_1 & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & H_1 & \xrightarrow{t} & H_0 \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow s & & \\ G_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & H_0 & ; & \end{array}$$

- $\varphi$  is **fully faithful** in the sense that the following diagram is a pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & H_1 \\ (s,t) \downarrow & & \downarrow (s,t) \\ G_0 \times G_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0 \times \varphi_0} & H_0 \times H_0 \end{array}$$

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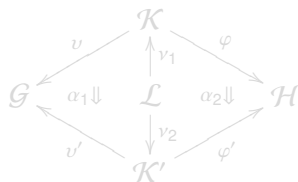
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 \end{array}$$

# The Category of Translation Groupoids

- Let  $\mathbf{rOrbiGrpd}[W^{-1}]$  be the full sub-bicategory of representable orbifolds.
- Note:
  - Translation groupoid presentations for representable orbifolds are not unique (we still need to work up to Morita equivalence).
  - Generalized morphisms between translation groupoids may involve more general groupoids

$$G \ltimes M \longleftarrow \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow H \ltimes N$$



## The Representable Orbifold Category

Define a bicategory of fractions  $\mathbf{TrOrbiGrpd}[W^{-1}]$ :

- **objects** are orbifold translation groupoids
- **morphisms** are spans

$$G \ltimes X \xleftarrow{(v,w)} K \ltimes Y \xrightarrow{(\varphi,f)} H \ltimes Z$$

where  $(\varphi, f)$  is an equivariant map and  $(v, w)$  is an equivariant essential equivalence

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# Equivalence of Bicategories

## Theorem (P–Scull)

*There is an equivalence of bicategories*

$$\mathbf{rOrbiGrpd}[W^{-1}] \simeq \mathbf{TrOrbiGrpd}[W^{-1}]$$

$$\textit{representable orbifolds} \longleftrightarrow \textit{(orbi) } G\text{-spaces}$$

Moreover, the equivariant essential equivalences can be factored into morphisms of the following forms:

- $G \ltimes X \rightarrow G/K \ltimes X/K$  for  $K \trianglelefteq G$ , where  $K$  acts freely on  $X$ ;
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## What have we learned so far?

- When we restrict ourselves to representable orbifolds, we only need to consider translation groupoids and (generalized) equivariant maps between them.
- Equivariant invariants are orbifold invariants iff they are invariant under the equivariant Morita equivalences
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# Bredon Cohomology of $G$ -Spaces

Let  $G$  be a Lie group or a topological group, and  $X$  a  $G$ -space.

## Idea

Study the homotopy of  $X$  in terms of its **diagram of fixed point subspaces**

$$X^H := \{x; h \cdot x = x \text{ for all } h \in H\}$$

for all closed subgroups  $H \leq G$ , with arrows given by natural inclusions and the action of  $G$ .

This diagram is indexed by the **orbit category**  $O_G$ .

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## Constant Orbifold Coefficients

Let  $(\varphi, f): G \ltimes X \rightarrow G' \ltimes X'$  be an equivariant map between orbifold groupoids.

- This gives rise to a homomorphism

$$H_{G'}^*(X'; \underline{A}) \rightarrow H_G^*(X; \varphi^* \underline{A}).$$

- [Moerdijk-Svensson] If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  is any group homomorphism, then

$$H_K^*(K \times_{\varphi, G} X; \underline{A}) \cong H_G^*(X; \varphi^* \underline{A})$$

where  $K \times_{\varphi, G} X = K \times X / (k, gx) \sim (k\varphi(g), x)$ .

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For a discrete group  $G$  and a  $G$ -space  $X$ , the functor

$$\Pi_X: \mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$$

is defined by

- $\Pi_X(G/H)$  is the category with
  - **Objects**:  $x: G/H \rightarrow X$  (points in  $X^H$ );
  - **Arrows**: homotopy classes of paths  $[\gamma]: G/H \times I \rightarrow X$ .
- For  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$ ,  $\Pi_X(\alpha)$  is defined by composition.

## Definition

For a discrete group  $G$  and a  $G$ -space  $X$ , the **fundamental groupoid** is defined by the Grothendieck construction

$$\Pi_G(X) = \int_{O_G} \Pi_X.$$

So it has

- **Objects:**  $(G/H, x: G/H \rightarrow X)$
- **Arrows:**

$$(\alpha, [\gamma]): (G/H, x: G/H \rightarrow X) \rightarrow (G/K, y: G/K \rightarrow X)$$

where  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$  in  $O_G$  and  $[\gamma]: x \rightarrow y \circ \alpha$  is a homotopy class of paths in  $X^H$ .

# The Orbifold Fundamental Groupoid

## Definition

For an orbifold  $G \ltimes X$ , the 2-functor  $\Pi_X: \mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$  is defined by

- $\Pi_X(G/H)$  is the category with
  - **Objects:**  $\varphi: G/H \rightarrow X$  (points in  $X^H$ );
  - **Arrows:** homotopy classes of paths  $[\gamma]: G/H \times I \rightarrow X$ .
- For  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$ ,  $\Pi_X(\alpha)$  is defined by composition with  $\alpha$ .
- For a homotopy class  $\xi$  of paths from  $\alpha$  to  $\alpha'$  in  $\mathcal{O}_G[G/H, G/K]$ ,

$$\Pi_X(\xi): \Pi_X(\alpha) \rightarrow \Pi_X(\alpha')$$

is the natural transformation with components

$$\Pi_X(\xi)_x: I \rightarrow X^H, \quad \Pi_X(\xi)_x(s) = x \circ \xi(s)$$

for  $x: G/K \rightarrow X$ .

## Definition

For an orbifold  $G \ltimes X$ , the **orbifold fundamental groupoid** is

$$\Pi_G(X) = \int_{O_G} \Pi_X, \text{ with}$$

- **Objects:**  $(G/H, \varphi: G/H \rightarrow X)$ , or  $(G/H, x \in X^H)$ ;
- **Arrows:**  $(\alpha, \gamma): (G/H, x \in X^H) \rightarrow (G/K, y \in X^K)$  where  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$  in  $O_G$  and  $[\gamma]: x \rightarrow y \circ \alpha$  is a homotopy class of paths in  $X^H$ .
- **2-Cells:** a 2-cell  $(\alpha, \gamma) \Rightarrow (\alpha', \gamma')$  is determined by a homotopy class of paths  $[\xi]: \alpha \rightarrow \alpha'$  in  $O_G[G/H, G/K]$  such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x & \xrightarrow{[\gamma]} & y \circ \alpha \\
 x \Big| & & \Big| y \circ [\xi] \\
 x & \xrightarrow{[\gamma']} & y \circ \alpha' \quad .
 \end{array}$$

## Definition

The **discrete orbifold fundamental groupoid**  $\Pi_G^d(X)$  is obtained from  $\Pi_G(X)$  by taking isomorphism classes of arrows.

## Theorem

*The  $\Pi$  construction induces a 2-functor*

$$\mathbf{TrOrbiGrpd} \rightarrow \mathbf{2-Cat}.$$

*Moreover, this functor sends essential equivalences to weak equivalences of 2-categories. Consequently,  $\Pi^d$  induces a 2-functor*

$$\mathbf{TrOrbiGrpd} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$$

*which sends essential equivalence to weak equivalences of categories.*

## More General Coefficients

For discrete groups, Moerdijk and Svensson generalized the Bredon cohomology theory in terms of cohomology of small categories and extended the coefficients as follows.

- They construct a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Delta_G(X) & \xrightarrow{u_X} & \Pi_G(X) \\
 & \searrow p_X & \swarrow q_X \\
 & & O_G
 \end{array}$$

- A set of general coefficients is a functor  $\underline{A}: \Delta_G(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ .
- Twisted coefficients are given by a functor  $\underline{M}: \Pi_G(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ .
- The cohomology with twisted coefficients is calculated as the cohomology of the nerve of  $\Delta_G(X)$  with the corresponding coefficients,

$$H_G^*(X; \underline{M}) = H^*(\Delta_G(X); \underline{M} \circ u_X).$$

# The Singular Representation Category

## Definition

For a discrete group  $G$  and a  $G$ -space  $X$ , the functor  $\Delta_X: \mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$  is defined by

- $\Delta_X(G/H)$  is the category with objects  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X^H$  and arrows simplicial operators

A commutative triangle diagram with vertices  $\Delta^n$  (top),  $\Delta^m$  (bottom), and  $X^H$  (right). A vertical arrow labeled  $\theta$  points from  $\Delta^n$  to  $\Delta^m$ . An arrow labeled  $\sigma$  points from  $\Delta^n$  to  $X^H$ . An arrow labeled  $\tau$  points from  $\Delta^m$  to  $X^H$ .

- For  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$ ,  $\Delta_X(\alpha)$  is defined by composition with  $\alpha$ .

## Definition

The **singular representation category** is defined by the Grothendieck construction  $\Delta_G(X) = \int_{O_G} \Delta_X$ . So it has

- **Objects:**  $(G/H, \sigma: G/H \times \Delta^n \rightarrow X)$
- **Arrows:**

$$(\alpha, \theta): (G/H, \sigma: G/H \times \Delta^n \rightarrow X) \rightarrow (G/K, \tau: G/K \times \Delta^m \rightarrow X)$$

where  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$  in  $O_G$  and  $\theta: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^m$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G/H \times \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & X \\ (\alpha, \theta) \downarrow & & \nearrow \\ G/K \times \Delta^m & \xrightarrow{\tau} & X \end{array}$$



# The Orbifold Singular Representation

## Definition

For an orbifold  $G \ltimes X$ , define the 2-functor  $\Delta_X: \mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$  by

- $\Delta_X(G/H)$  is the category with
  - **Objects**  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X^H$ , i.e.,  $\sigma: G/H \times \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ .
  - **Arrows**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & X^H \\
 \theta \downarrow & \Theta & \nearrow \tau \\
 \Delta^m & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $\theta$  is a simplicial operator and  $\Theta: \Delta^n \times I \rightarrow X^H$  a homotopy class of homotopies in  $X^H$ .

- For  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$ ,  $\Delta_X(\alpha)$  is by composition with  $\alpha$ .
- For a 2-cell  $\xi: \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha'$ ,  $\Delta_X(\xi)$  has components  $\Delta_X(\xi)_\sigma = (\theta_\xi, \Theta_\xi): \sigma \circ (\alpha \times \Delta^n) \rightarrow \sigma \circ (\alpha' \times \Delta^n)$  with  $\theta_\xi = 1_{\Delta^n}$ , and  $\Theta_\xi: G/H \times \Delta^n \times I \rightarrow X$ , defined by  $\Theta_\xi(-, -, s) = \sigma \circ (\xi(s) \times \Delta^n)$ .

## Definition

The **orbifold singular representation category** is the 2-category

$$\Delta_G(X) = \int_{O_G} \Delta_X, \text{ with}$$

- **Objects:**  $(G/H, \sigma: G/H \times \Delta^n \rightarrow X)$
- **Arrows:**

$$(\alpha, \theta, \Theta): (G/H, \sigma: G/H \times \Delta^n \rightarrow X) \rightarrow (G/K, \tau: G/K \times \Delta^m \rightarrow X)$$

where  $\alpha: G/H \rightarrow G/K$  in  $O_G$ ,  $\theta: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^m$ , and

$\Theta: G/H \times \Delta^n \times I \rightarrow X$  is a homotopy class of homotopies as in

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G/H \times \Delta^n & & \\
 \downarrow (\alpha, \theta) & \searrow \sigma & \\
 & & X \\
 G/K \times \Delta^m & \nearrow \tau & \\
 & \swarrow \Theta & 
 \end{array}$$

- **2-Cells:** a cell  $[\xi]: (\alpha_1, \theta_1, \Theta_1) \rightarrow (\alpha_2, \theta_2, \Theta_2)$  is a homotopy class of paths  $[\xi]: \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \sigma & \xrightarrow{(\theta_1, [\Theta_1])} & \Delta_X(\alpha_1)(\tau) \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow \Delta_X(\xi)_{\tau} = (\theta_\xi, [\Theta_\xi]) \\
 \sigma & \xrightarrow{(\theta_2, [\Theta_2])} & \Delta_X(\alpha_2)(\tau).
 \end{array}$$

## Definition

The **discrete orbifold singular representation category**  $\Delta_G^d(X)$  is the category obtained from  $\Delta_G(X)$  by quotienting out the 2-cells.

## Morita Equivalences

### Theorem

The  $\Delta$  construction induces a 2-functor  $\mathbf{TrOrbiGrpd} \rightarrow \mathbf{2-Cat}$ .  
 Moreover this functor sends essential equivalences to weak equivalences of 2-categories.

### Theorem

The  $\Delta^d$  construction induces a 2-functor from  $\mathbf{TrOrbiGrpd} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ . Moreover this functors sends essential equivalences to weak equivalences of categories.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Delta_G(X) & \xrightarrow{u_X} & \Pi_G(X) & & \\
 \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim & \searrow \underline{M} & \\
 \Delta_H(Y) & \xrightarrow{u_Y} & \Pi_H(Y) & \xrightarrow{\underline{N}} & \mathbf{Ab}
 \end{array}$$