

# Mathematical Knowledge Management in Algebraic Topology

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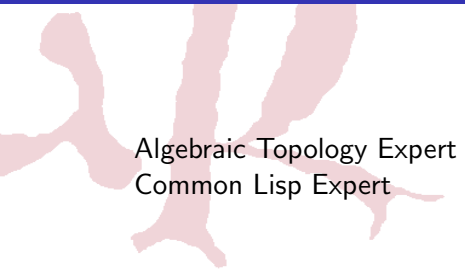
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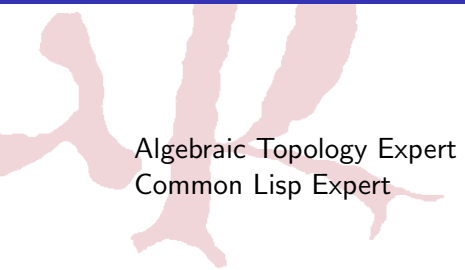


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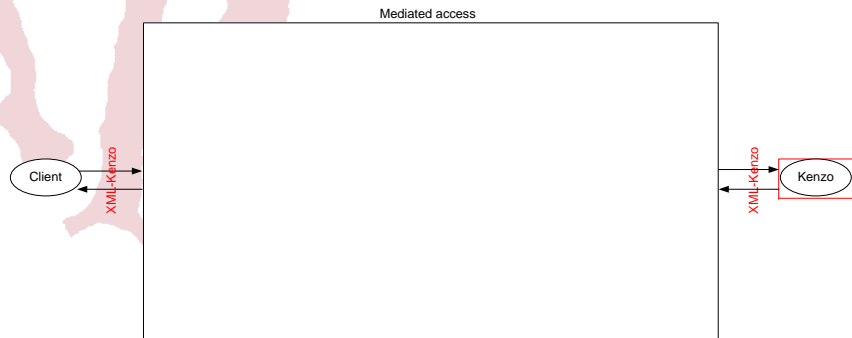


## Representation of mathematical knowledge

Independent of programming language  
Easily interchangeable

}  $\Rightarrow$  XML  $\Rightarrow$  { OpenMath  
MathML  
New language

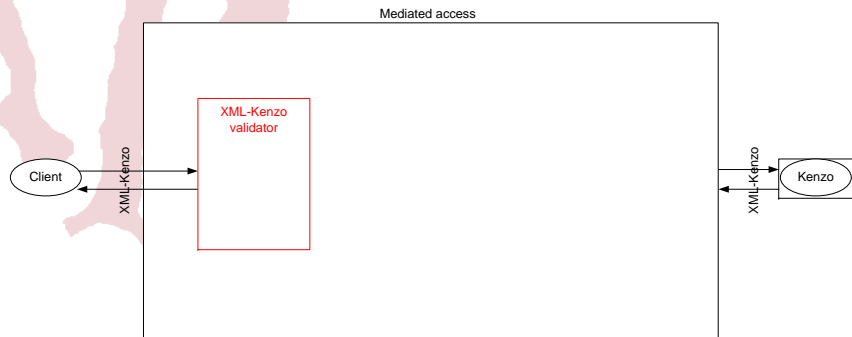
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## XML-Kenzo

- *construction and computation* requests
- Includes some mathematical knowledge
  - Small Type System: CC, SS, SG, ASG
  - Some restrictions about arguments ( $S^n$ )

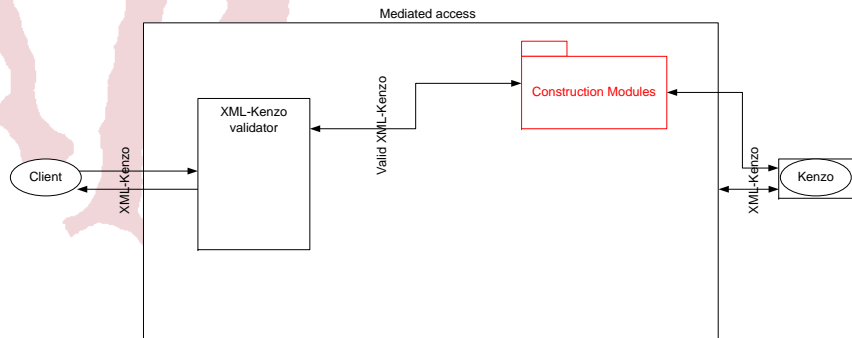
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## XML-Kenzo validator

- Common Lisp module
- Receives XML-Kenzo requests → validates them against XML schema definition
  - Type restrictions
  - Mathematical restrictions
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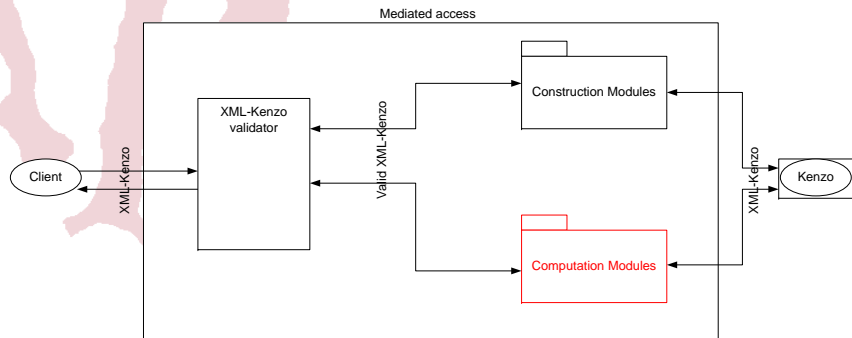


## Construction modules

- Process construction requests
- Check restrictions not included in XML-Kenzo (functional dependencies)
- 4 modules: CC, SS, SG and ASG



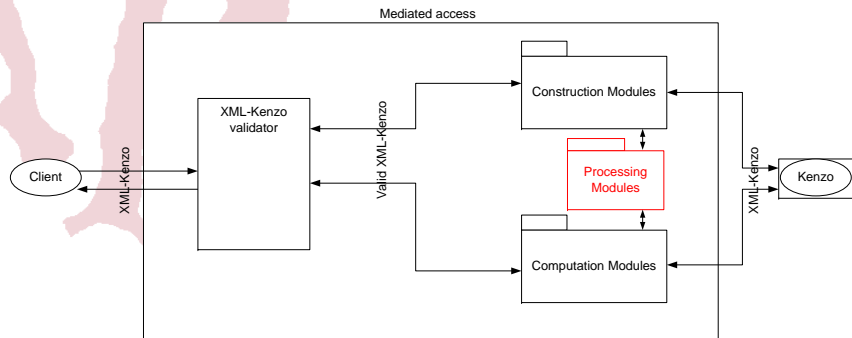
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## Processing modules

- Help construction and computation modules
- 2 modules: Reduction degree and Homotopy assistant

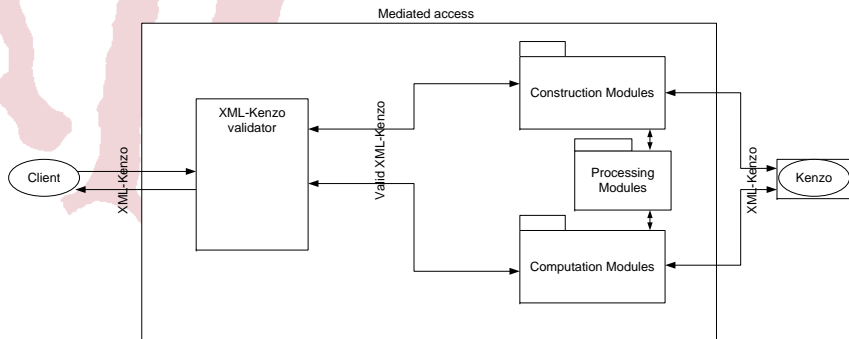
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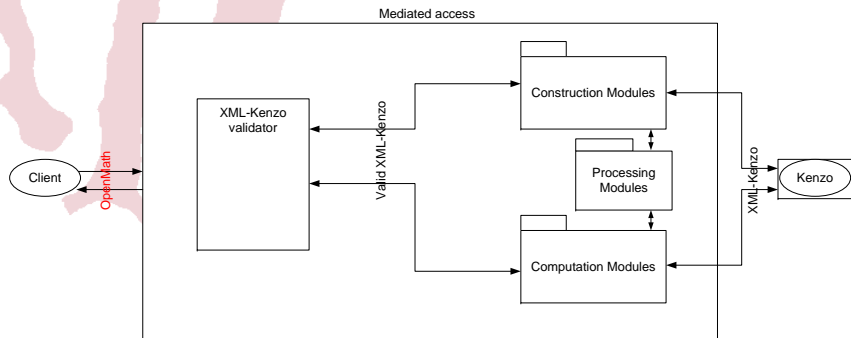
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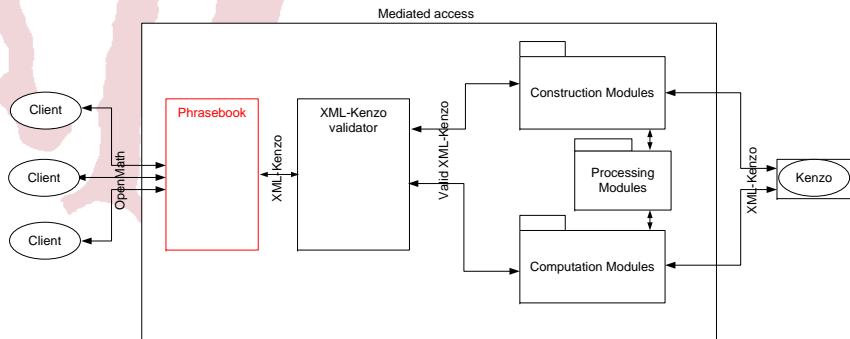
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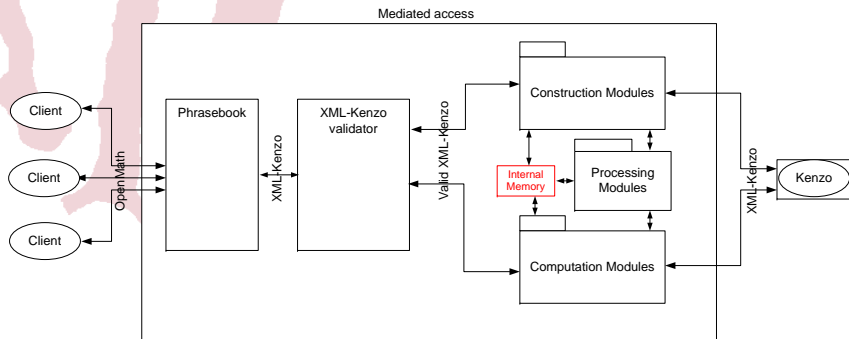
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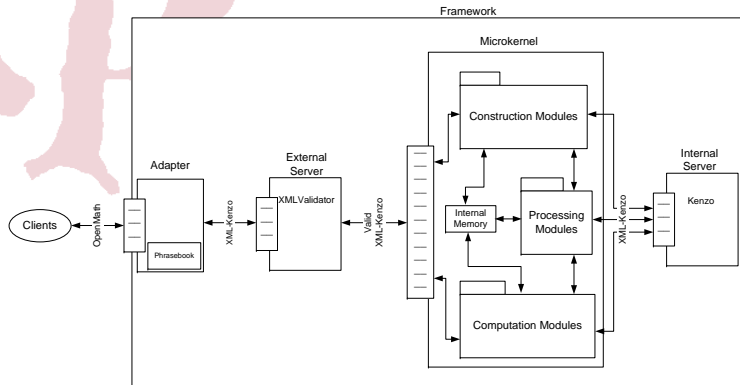
# Towards Efficiency



- System roughly equivalent to Kenzo
- Internal memory
  - Memoization technique
  - Store spaces and computations



# The Kenzo framework



- Based on well-known patterns and methods

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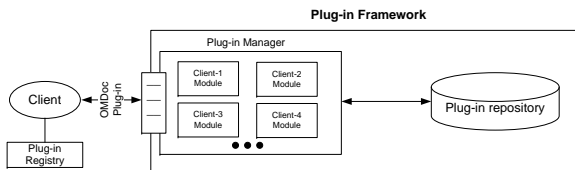
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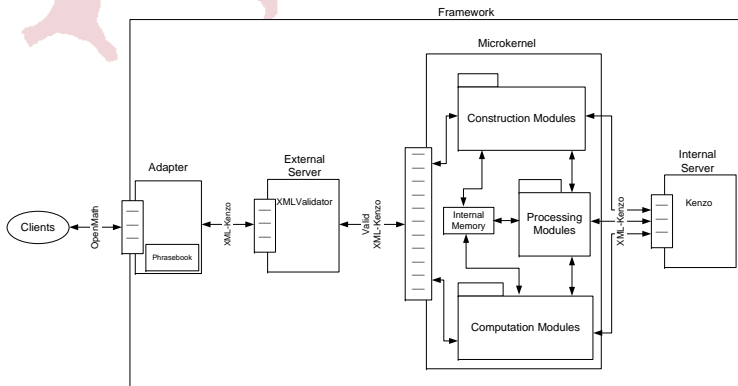


# Including new Kenzo functionality

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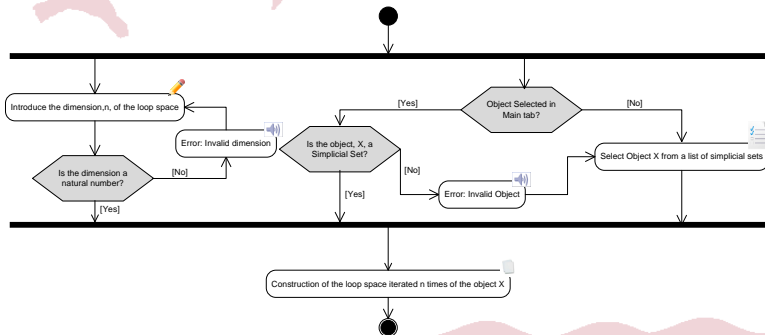
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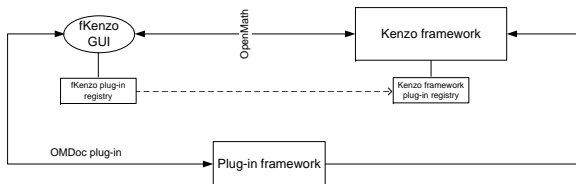
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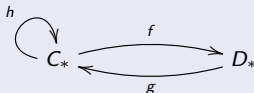
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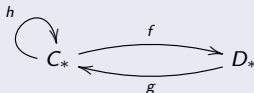
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If  $C_* \rightrightarrows D_*$ , then  $C_* \cong D_* \oplus A_*$ , with  $A_*$  acyclic, which implies that  $H_n(C_*) \cong H_n(D_*)$  for all  $n$ .

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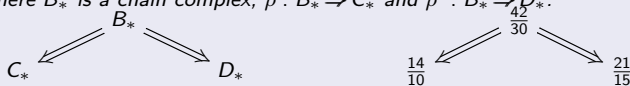
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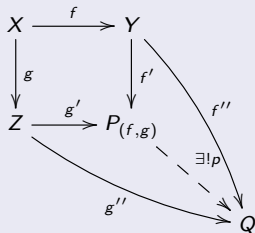
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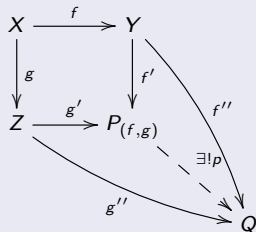


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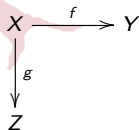
## Standard Construction

$P_{(f,g)} \cong (Y \amalg (X \times I) \amalg Z) / \sim$  where

- $I$  is the unit interval
- for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\sim$ 
  - $(x, 0) \sim f(x) \in Y$
  - $(x, 1) \sim g(x) \in Z$

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## Algorithm (Standard Construction)

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*Output:* the pushout  $P_{(f,g)}$ , a simplicial set



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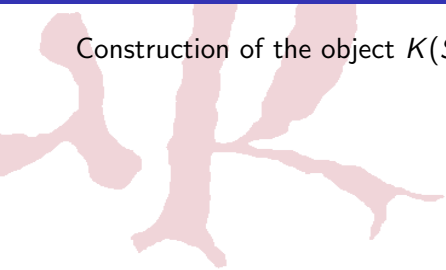
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      > (setf ksl2z (pushout i1 i2)) ✘
      [K52 Simplicial-Set]
      
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> (sphere 3) ✘  
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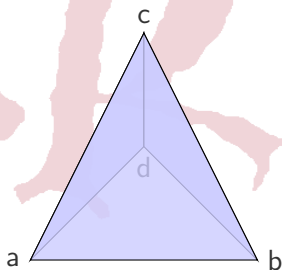
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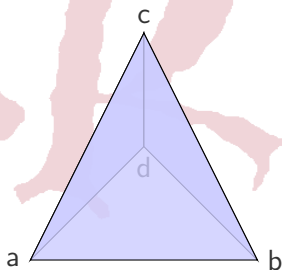
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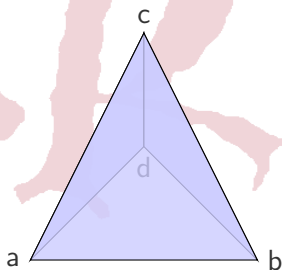
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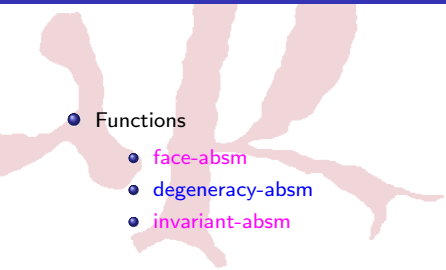
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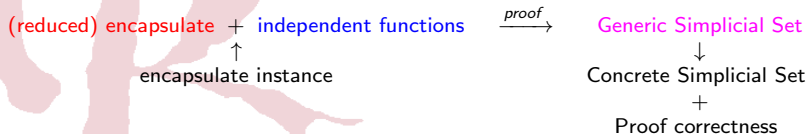
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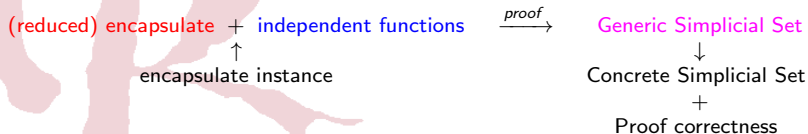


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