

Parametrized higher category theory

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Inverting the class of maps that induce a weak equivalence of underlying spaces, $X \rightsquigarrow$ the homotopy type of the underlying space X , together with the homotopy coherent G -action. Can extract homotopy fixed points and orbits X^{hG} , X_{hG} from this.

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Elmendorf's theorem: $\mathrm{Top}_G[\mathcal{W}^{-1}] \simeq \mathrm{Fun}(\mathbf{O}_G^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathbf{Top})$ where Top_G is a category of (nice) topological spaces with G -action, \mathcal{W} is the class of maps as above, \mathbf{Top} is the ∞ -category of spaces, and \mathbf{O}_G is the orbit category of G .

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The last option produces *transfer* maps, encoded by the covariant maps in $A^{eff}(\mathbf{F}_G)$ - ubiquitous in examples (e.g. K -theory).

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We saw in Denis' talk a theorem characterizing G -spectra along these lines. We will aim for a somewhat more formal counterpart concerning G -spaces.

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We will always work within the framework of quasi-categories (Boardman-Vogt, Joyal, Lurie).

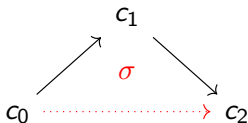
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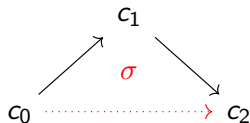
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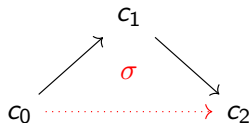


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Higher fillers encode associativity coherences satisfied by the composition law.

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Categorical equivalences: functors $F : C \rightarrow D$ which are fully faithful and essentially surjective.

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E.g. let \mathbf{Top} = homotopy coherent nerve of the simplicial category of Kan complexes. Then

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Let $i : \partial\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^1$. Then obtain adjunction

$$i^* : \mathbf{sSet}_{/\Delta^1} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{sSet}_{/\partial\Delta^1} : i_*$$

and can define $C \star D := i_*(C, D)$. Explicitly, have n -simplices

$$\text{Hom}_{/\Delta^1}(\Delta^n, C \star D) \cong \text{Hom}(\Delta^{n_0}, C) \times \text{Hom}(\Delta^{n_1}, D)$$

ranging over maps $\Delta^n \cong \Delta^{n_0} \star \Delta^{n_1} \rightarrow \Delta^1$.

Get cone $K^{\triangleleft} = \Delta^0 \star K$, cocone $K^{\triangleleft} = K \star \Delta^0$.

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The necessity of remembering data of cocartesian edges leads one to consider *marked simplicial sets* (X, E) , $E \subset X_1$ that contains the degenerate edges. Then cocartesian fibrations over S are the fibrant objects in a model structure on $\mathbf{sSet}^+_{/(S, S_1)}$.

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We will endow $\underline{\mathbf{Top}}_S$ with an additional universal mapping property for suitable functors *out* of $\underline{\mathbf{Top}}_S$.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} W & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & V' \\ \downarrow \beta'^\perp & & \downarrow \beta \\ U & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & V \end{array}$$

in \mathbf{F}_T , the natural transformation

$$(\alpha')_! (\beta')^* \rightarrow \beta^* \alpha_! \tag{0.5.1}$$

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Remark: For $S = \mathbf{O}_G^{op}$, this is situation of Dotto–Moi (under Elmendorf theorem type correspondence).

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If S is a connected Kan complex i.e. $S \simeq BX$, then we recover the familiar fact that colimits in $\text{Fun}(BX, \mathbf{Cat}_\infty)$ are created by the evaluation functor to \mathbf{Cat}_∞ .

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More precisely: say that an S -category C is S -cocomplete if $\forall s \in S$, $C \times_S S^s$ admits all S^s -colimits. We want some criteria for when C is S -cocomplete.

Proposition (S.)

Suppose S^{op} orbital. Then C is S -cocomplete if and only if it admits (constant) geometric realizations and S -coproducts.

Proof.

S -generalization of the Bousfield-Kan formula. □

Bousfield-Kan formula

Let $p : K \rightarrow C$ be a functor. Have formula for the colimit of p :

$$\left| \coprod_{x \in K_0} p(x) \xleftarrow{\quad} \coprod_{\alpha \in K_1} p(\alpha(0)) \xleftarrow{\quad} \coprod_{\sigma \in K_2} p(\sigma(0)) \dots \right|$$

This is really a statement about K . Consider the span

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K_n & \longrightarrow & \Delta_{/K}^{op} & \xrightarrow{v_K} & K \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho_K & & \\ \{[n]\} & \longrightarrow & \Delta^{op} & & \end{array}$$

where v_K is the first vertex map. Then v_K is cofinal and ρ is a cocartesian fibration.

Using essentially that an ∞ -category is presented as a simplicial set!

S Bousfield-Kan formula

We can generalize the previous span to

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \coprod_{\sigma \in K_n} S^{\pi\sigma(n)/} & \hookrightarrow & \mathrm{Simp}_S(K) & \xrightarrow{\nu_{K,S}} & K \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho_{K,S} & & \downarrow \pi \\ \{[n]\} \times S & \hookrightarrow & \Delta^{op} \times S & \longrightarrow & S \end{array}$$

and show that $\nu_{K,S}$ is S -cofinal, $\rho_{K,S}$ is S -cocartesian.

S -colimits more generally

Usual case: For S -category C , fibers C_s are presentable, and pushforward (= restriction) functors preserve limits and colimits. Then one just has to check the base-change (= Mackey decomposition) condition for the left adjoints.

Example

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Beware: certainly false for categorical fixed points $(-)^{C_p}$, even though this preserves (ordinary) colimits: $(\text{Ind}_1^{C_p}(X))^{C_p} \simeq (\text{Coind}_1^{C_p}(X))^{C_p} \simeq X$, not 0.

Example: Thom spectra

Let's build MU_R as a C_2 -colimit. Want $\Phi^1(MU_R) = MU$ with the complex conjugation C_2 -action and $\Phi^{C_2}(MU_R) = MO$. Look for:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & \text{BGL}_1(\mathbf{S}) \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & \text{Sp} \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & * \\
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 & & & & & & \\
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$J_U^{C_2}$ obtained from colimit over C_2 -maps $U(n) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_*(S^{\rho n}, S^{\rho n})$.

Vista: Understand how to produce G -Thom spectra $(G-)$ categorically.

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Theorem (Dotto-Moi)

$\mathbf{Sp}^G \simeq \mathbf{Exc}_*^G(\underline{\mathbf{Top}}_{G,*}^{fin}, \underline{\mathbf{Top}}_G)$ where the right-hand side is the full subcategory of $\mathbf{Fun}_G(\underline{\mathbf{Top}}_{G,*}^{fin}, \underline{\mathbf{Top}}_G)$ on the pointed G_+ -excisive functors.

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Vertical opposite: $C^{vop} \rightarrow S$ is the cocartesian fibration $\Leftrightarrow s \mapsto C_s^{op}$.

Have S -mapping space functor $C^{vop} \times_S C \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}_S$, $(x, y) \mapsto \text{Map}_{C_s}(x, y)$ (viewed as a functor to \mathbf{Top}). Adjoint yields S -Yoneda embedding

$$j : C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_S(C) := \underline{\text{Fun}}_S(C^{vop}, \mathbf{Top}_S).$$

Have factorization $j_s : C_s \rightarrow \text{Fun}(C_s^{op}, \mathbf{Top}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(C^{vop} \times_S S^s, \mathbf{Top})$.

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Let $\underline{\text{Fun}}_S^L(C, D)$ be the full S -subcategory whose fiber over s consists of those functors that *strongly* preserve $S^{s/}$ -colimits (= preserve $S^{t/}$ -colimits after pullback by every $S^{t/} \rightarrow S^{s/}$).

Theorem (S., Riehl–Verity)

$\mathbf{P}_S(C)$ is S -cocomplete, and for any S -cocomplete E , restriction along the S -Yoneda embedding yields an equivalence

$$\underline{\text{Fun}}_S^L(\mathbf{P}_S(C), E) \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Fun}}_S(C, E).$$

Proof.

Inverse given by left S -Kan extension along j . Need to identify LHS with those functors which are left S -Kan extensions of their restriction to C . \square

Letting $C = S = \mathbf{O}_G^{op}$, prove Hill's conjecture.

Thanks for listening!