

Cat_∞ and Marked Simplicial Sets

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The definition of Cat_{∞}

The simplicial category $\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\Delta}$ is defined as follows:

- The objects are small ∞ -categories.
- Given two ∞ -categories \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} , we define $\text{Map}_{\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\Delta}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ to be the largest Kan complex contained in the ∞ -category $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$.

Cat_{∞} denotes the simplicial nerve $N(\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\Delta})$, and is referred to as the ∞ -category of small ∞ -categories whose mapping spaces are Kan complexes, and composition is strictly associative.

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Motivation

The Joyal model structure on Set_{Δ}^+ is not compatible with the usual simplicial structure. We will introduce marked simplicial sets Set_{Δ}^+ as a remedy to the problem, so that we obtain an equivalence of simplicial categories $\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\Delta} \simeq (\text{Set}_{\Delta}^+)^{\circ}$.

Definition

A marked simplicial set is a pair (X, \mathcal{E}) , where X is a simplicial set and \mathcal{E} is a set of edges of X , which contains every degenerate edge. We will say that X is marked if it belongs to \mathcal{E} . A morphism $(X, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow (X', \mathcal{E}')$ is a map $f : X \rightarrow X'$ having the property that $f(\mathcal{E}) \subseteq \mathcal{E}'$.

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Groundwork

Let S be a simplicial set. In this section, the goal is to define the cartesian model structure on the category $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^{+})_S$ of marked simplicial sets over S . The ultimate goal is to prove that the fibrant objects of $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^{+})_S$ correspond precisely to cartesian fibrations $X \rightarrow S$ and that they encode contravariant functors from S into the ∞ -category $\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\Delta}$.

First of all, the category Set_{Δ}^+ is cartesian-closed. This means that for any two objects $X, Y \in \text{Set}_{\Delta}^+$, there exists an internal mapping object Y^X equipped with an evaluation map $Y^X \times X \rightarrow Y$ which induces bijections

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If X and Y are objects of $(\mathrm{Set}_\Delta^+)_/S$, then we let

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denote the simplicial subsets classifying those maps compatible with the projections to S . For instance, in the case where $X \in (\mathrm{Set}_\Delta^+)_/S$ and $P : Y \rightarrow S$ is a cartesian fibration, then $\mathrm{Map}_S^b(X, Y^\natural)$ is an ∞ -category and $\mathrm{Map}_S^\sharp(X, Y^\natural)$ is the largest Kan complex contained in $\mathrm{Map}_S^b(X, Y^\natural)$.

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Cartesian equivalences

Let S be a simplicial set. And let $p : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism in $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^{+})/S$. p is a cartesian equivalence if it satisfies either of the following equivalent conditions:

- (1) For every cartesian fibration $Z \rightarrow S$, the induced map

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is an equivalence of ∞ -categories.

(2) For every cartesian fibration $Z \rightarrow S$, the induced map

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is a homotopy equivalence of Kan complexes.

Let's take $f : X \rightarrow Y$ to be a morphism in $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^+) / S$ which is marked anodyne when regarded as a map of marked simplicial sets. Since the smash product of f with any inclusion $A^b \subset B^b$ is also marked anodyne, we deduce that the map

$$\phi : \text{Map}_S^b(Y, Z^b) \rightarrow \text{Map}_S^b(X, Z^b)$$

is a trivial fibration for every cartesian fibration $Z \rightarrow S$, which makes f a cartesian equivalence.

Strong homotopy in $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^+) / S$

$X, Y \in (\text{Set}_{\Delta}^+) / S$ for S a simplicial set. We say that a pair of morphisms $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are strongly homotopic if there exists a contractible Kan complex K and a map $K \rightarrow \text{Map}_S^b(X, Y)$ whose image contains both of the vertices f and g . If $Y = Z^{\flat}$, where $Z \rightarrow S$ is a cartesian fibration, then this just means that f and g are equivalent when viewed as objects of the ∞ -category $\text{Map}_S^b(X, Y)$.

Let $X \xrightarrow{p} Y \xrightarrow{q} S$ be a diagram of simplicial sets, where both q and $q \circ p$ are cartesian fibrations. The following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) The map p induces a cartesian equivalence $X^{\natural} \rightarrow Y^{\natural}$ in $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^+)_{/S}$.
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The Quillen adjunctions

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Description of adjunction functors

The functors may be described as follows:

- (A0) G_0 is the forgetful functor from $(\text{Set}_{\Delta}^{+})/S$ to $(\text{Set}_{\Delta})/S$, which ignores the collection of marked edges. F_0 is left adjoint to G_0 , given by $X \mapsto X^{\flat}$. The Quillen adjunction (F_0, G_0) is a Quillen equivalence if S is a Kan complex.
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