A 2-categorical proof of Frobenius for fibrations defined from a generic point

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Coquand's proof was analyzed using category theory by Steve Awodey and Christian Sattler.

Our Proof: Setup

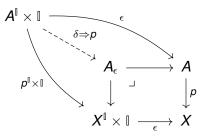
▶ A locally cartesian closed category \mathscr{E} . In particular, every morphism $p: A \to X$ gives rise to an adjoint triple

$$/A \underbrace{\stackrel{\rho_!}{\stackrel{\bot}{\stackrel{}}}}_{p_*}/X$$

- ▶ An object I in S.
- ► A class TFib of *trivial fibrations*, which
 - admit sections,
 are stable under pushforwards (along any map),
 - are stable under retracts.

Fibrations

We say a map $p: A \to X$ is a **fibration** precisely when the gap map $\delta \Rightarrow p$ is a trivial fibration.



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$$\frac{X \vdash A \text{ Type} \qquad X.A \vdash B \text{ Type}}{X \vdash \Pi_A B \text{ Type}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \Pi_A B \\
q \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho_* G \\
A & \xrightarrow{p} & X
\end{array}$$

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To do these we use the calculus of mates from 2-category theory.

Theorem (Kelly-Street)

Consider the pair of double categories Ladj and Radj whose:

- objects are categories,
- horizontal arrows are functors,
- vertical arrows are fully-specified adjunctions pointing in the direction of the left adjoint, and
- ► squares of Ladj (resp. Radj) are natural transformations between the squares of functors formed by the left (resp. right) adjoints.

Then

$$Ladj \cong Radj$$

which acts on squares by taking mates.

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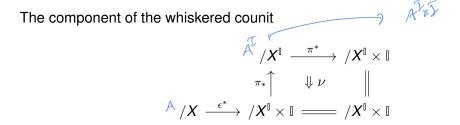
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Moreover, π is cartesian:

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Leibniz Exponential from the Basic 2-cells



at $p: A \to X$ is the Leibniz exponential $\delta \Rightarrow p: A^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I} \to A_{\epsilon}$.

$$A^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I} \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{!}} A$$
 $(p^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I})^{*} \downarrow \qquad \uparrow p^{*}$
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ho^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I})^* \uparrow \qquad \cong \qquad \uparrow
ho^*$
 $/X^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I} \stackrel{\epsilon^*}{\longleftarrow} /X$

The component of κ_{ϵ} at $q \colon B \to A$ defines a map $\kappa_{\epsilon} \colon (\Pi_{A}B)_{\epsilon} \to \Pi_{A^{\parallel} \times \parallel}B_{\epsilon}$ over $X^{\parallel} \times \mathbb{I}$.

So far,

$$egin{aligned} (\Pi_A B)^\mathbb{I} & & \Pi_{A^\mathbb{I} imes \mathbb{I}} B^\mathbb{I} imes \mathbb{I} \ \delta &\Rightarrow &
ho_* q igg| & & & \downarrow (p^\mathbb{I} imes \mathbb{I})_* (\delta \Rightarrow q) \ & & & (\Pi_A B)_\epsilon & & \longrightarrow & \Pi_{A^\mathbb{I} imes \mathbb{I}} (B_\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Pi_{A}B)^{\parallel} \times \mathbb{I} & \stackrel{\kappa}{----} & \Pi_{A^{\parallel} \times \parallel}B^{\parallel} \times \mathbb{I} \\ \delta \Rightarrow p_{*}q & & \downarrow (p^{\parallel} \times \mathbb{I})_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \\ (\Pi_{A}B)_{\epsilon} & \stackrel{\kappa_{\epsilon}}{\longrightarrow} & \Pi_{A^{\parallel} \times \parallel}(B_{\epsilon}) \end{array}$$

Next, we find the top arrow.

$$/A^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I} \stackrel{\pi^*}{\longleftarrow} /A^{\mathbb{I}} \stackrel{\pi_*}{\longleftarrow} /A^{\mathbb{I}} imes \stackrel{\epsilon^*}{\longleftarrow} /A$$
 $(p^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I})_* \downarrow \qquad \cong \qquad p^{\mathbb{I}}_* \downarrow \qquad \cong \qquad (p^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I})_* \qquad \Uparrow \kappa_{\epsilon} \qquad \downarrow p_*$
 $/X^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I} \stackrel{\pi^*}{\longleftarrow} /X^{\mathbb{I}} \stackrel{\pi_*}{\longleftarrow} /X^{\mathbb{I}} imes \stackrel{\pi^*}{\longleftarrow} /X$

The component of this composite 2-cell at $q: B \to A$ defines a map

$$\kappa \colon (\Pi_A B)^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I} \to \Pi_{A^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I}}(B^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I})$$

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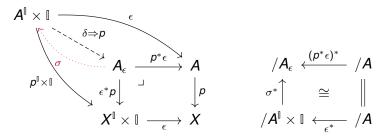
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We now have to verify that the square below commutes.

$$egin{aligned} (\Pi_A B)^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I} & \stackrel{\kappa}{\longrightarrow} & \Pi_{A^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I}} B^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I} \ \delta & \Rightarrow & p_* q igg| & & & \downarrow (p^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I})_* (\delta \Rightarrow q) \ & & & (\Pi_A B)_{\epsilon} & \stackrel{\kappa_{\epsilon}}{\longrightarrow} & \Pi_{A^{\mathbb{I}} imes \mathbb{I}} (B_{\epsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

Since p is a fibration, $\delta \Rightarrow p$ is a trivial fibration and therefore it has a section:



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$$(\Pi_{A}B)^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I} \xrightarrow{\kappa} \Pi_{A^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I}}B^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I} \qquad (\Pi_{A}B)^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I}$$

$$\delta \Rightarrow \rho_{*}q \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow (\rho^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I})_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \delta \Rightarrow \rho_{*}q$$

$$(\Pi_{A}B)_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\kappa_{\epsilon}} \Pi_{A^{\mathbb{I}} \times \mathbb{I}}(B_{\epsilon}) \xrightarrow{\rho_{\epsilon}} (\Pi_{A}B)_{\epsilon}$$

Constructing ρ from ρ_{ϵ}

Completing the Proof

Similar to the commutativity of the square involving κ_{ϵ} and κ we show that the following square commutes:

$$egin{aligned} \Pi_{A^{\parallel} imes \parallel}B^{\parallel} imes \mathbb{I} & \stackrel{
ho}{\longrightarrow} (\Pi_{A}B)^{\parallel} imes \mathbb{I} \ (
ho^{\parallel} imes \parallel)_{st}(\delta \Rightarrow q) igg| & \int_{\delta \Rightarrow p_{st}q} \delta \Rightarrow p_{st}q \ \Pi_{A}\mathbb{I}_{ imes \parallel}(B_{\epsilon}) & \stackrel{
ho}{\longrightarrow} (\Pi_{A}B)_{\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

That ρ is a retract of κ follows from the fact that ρ_{ϵ} is a retract of κ_{ϵ} and the iso 2-cells pasted to the left of κ_{ϵ} and ρ_{ϵ} , respectively, are pairwise inverses.