

# SPAN EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN WEAK $N$ -CATEGORIES

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ABSTRACT.

## 1. Introduction

## 2. Span equivalence

2.1. DEFINITION. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map of  $n$ -globular sets.

- $f$ :surjective on  $k$ -cells  $\Leftrightarrow f_k : X_k \rightarrow Y_k$  :surjective
- $f$ :injective on  $k$ -cells  $\Leftrightarrow f_k : X_k \rightarrow Y_k$  :injective
- $f$ :full on  $k$ -cells  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x, x' \in X_{k-1}, g \in \mathbf{Hom}_Y(f(x), f(x')), \\ \exists h \in \mathbf{Hom}_X(x, x') \text{ s.t. } f(h) = g \end{cases}$
- $f$ :faithful on  $k$ -cell  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x, x' \in X_{k-1}, g, g' \in \mathbf{Hom}_Y(f(x), f(x')), \\ g \neq g' \Rightarrow f(g) \neq f(g') \end{cases}$

2.2. DEFINITION. Let  $K$  be an  $n$ -globular operad.  $K$ -algebras  $KX \rightarrow X$  and  $KY \rightarrow Y$  are span equivalent if there exists a triple  $\langle \psi, u, v \rangle$  such that  $\psi : KZ \rightarrow Z$  is a  $K$ -algebra,  $u : Z \rightarrow X$  and  $v : Z \rightarrow Y$  are maps of  $K$ -algebras, surjective on 0-cells, full on  $m$ -cells for all  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , and faithful on  $n$ -cells. The triple  $\langle \psi, u, v \rangle$  is referred to as a span equivalence of  $K$ -algebras.

2.3. PROPOSITION. In the pullback diagram in  $[\mathbf{G}_n^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{j} & Y \\ \downarrow i & \lrcorner & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & S \end{array}$$

- $f$ :surjective on 0-cells  $\Rightarrow j$ :surjective on 0-cells
- $f$ :full on  $k$ -cells  $\Rightarrow j$ :full on  $k$ -cells
- $f$ :faithful on  $k$ -cells  $\Rightarrow j$ :faithful on  $k$ -cells

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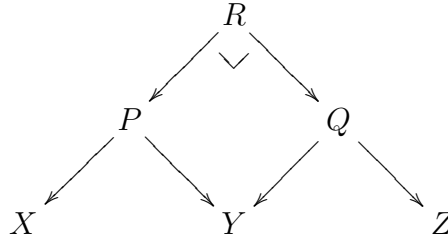
PROOF.

2.4. REMARK. Let  $K$  be a monad on  $[\mathbf{G}_n^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$ . Pullbacks in  $K\text{-}\mathbf{Alg}$  are created by the forgetful functor  $U : K\text{-}\mathbf{Alg} \rightarrow [\mathbf{G}_n^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$ .

2.5. PROPOSITION. *Let*



*be span equivalences, then*



*is span equivalence.*

PROOF.

2.6. THEOREM. *Span equivalence is equivalence relation on  $K$ -algebras.*

### 3. Characterizing equivalence of categories via spans

3.1. DEFINITION. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be categories. We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are span equivalent if there exists a triple  $\langle \mathcal{A}, u, v \rangle$  such that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a category,  $u : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and  $v : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  are functors, surjective on objects, full and faithful.*

3.2. DEFINITION. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be categories, let  $\langle S : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, T : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}, \eta : I_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow TS, \epsilon : ST \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{B}} \rangle$  be an adjoint equivalence between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ . We define a category, equivalence fusion  $\mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B}$ , as follows:*

- *object-set*

$$\mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B}) := \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{A}) \bigsqcup \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{B}) \quad (\text{disjoint})$$

- *hom-set*

$$\mathbf{Hom}(x, y) := \begin{cases} \{ \langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{A}(x, y) \} & (x, y \in \mathcal{A}) \\ \{ \langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(x, y) \} & (x, y \in \mathcal{B}) \\ \{ \langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(Sx, y) \} & (x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}) \\ \{ \langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(x, Sy) \} & (x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}) \end{cases}$$

- *composition*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\circ} : \mathbf{Hom}(y, z) \times \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) &\longrightarrow \mathbf{Hom}(x, z) \\ \langle \langle g, y, z \rangle, \langle f, x, y \rangle \rangle &\longmapsto \langle g, y, z \rangle \tilde{\circ} \langle f, x, y \rangle := \langle g \circ f, x, z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$g \circ f := \begin{cases} g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f & (x, y, z \in \mathcal{A}) \\ g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f & (x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}) \\ g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf & (x, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}) \\ g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f & (x \in \mathcal{A}, y, z \in \mathcal{B}) \\ g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f & (x, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}) \\ Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f & (x \in \mathcal{B}, y, z \in \mathcal{A}) \\ \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x & (x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}) \\ g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f & (x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}) \end{cases}$$

- *identities*

$$\text{id}_x := \begin{cases} \langle \text{id}_x, x, x \rangle & (x \in \mathcal{A}, \text{id}_x \in \mathcal{A}(x, x)) \\ \langle \text{id}_x, x, x \rangle & (x \in \mathcal{B}, \text{id}_x \in \mathcal{B}(x, x)) \end{cases}$$

3.3. PROPOSITION. *The equivalence fusion  $\mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B}$  forms a category.*

PROOF. It is easy to check that the composition  $\tilde{\circ}$  is map from  $\mathbf{Hom}(x, y) \times \mathbf{Hom}(y, z)$  to  $\mathbf{Hom}(x, z)$ . Now, we prove that the composition  $\tilde{\circ}$  satisfies composition law and identity law by case analysis.

- *composition law*

$$\begin{aligned} &- x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{A}, \\ &\quad h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{A}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f) \\ &\quad (h \circ g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{A}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f \\ &- x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{B}, \\ &\quad h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ (g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S(g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) \\ &\quad (h \circ g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sg) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sg) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf \\ &- x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{A}, \\ &\quad h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\ &\quad \quad \quad = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\ &\quad \quad \quad = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f \\ &\quad (h \circ g) \circ f = (\eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y) \circ f = (\eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f \\ &- x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{B}, \\ &\quad h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) \\ &\quad (h \circ g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf \\ &- x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{A}, \\ &\quad h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ (\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x) = h \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\ &\quad \quad \quad = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSh \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\ &\quad (h \circ g) \circ f = (Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ f = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} T(Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\ &\quad \quad \quad = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSh \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \end{aligned}$$

- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ (\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x) \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S(\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x) \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_x \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (\epsilon_{Sz} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_z) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_x \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} \epsilon_{Sz} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_x \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \circ_{\mathcal{B}} \epsilon_{Sx} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_x \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ f = \eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} T(h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ (Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{A}} g) \circ f = S(h \circ_{\mathcal{A}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f = (Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sg) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ (Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sg) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sg) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (\eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y) \circ f \\ &= S(\eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Th \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \\ &= S\eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \\ &= (\epsilon_{Sw} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_w) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_w^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \\ &= \epsilon_{Sw} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} \epsilon_{Sy} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \\ &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ f = (Sh \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ (g \circ f) &= h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \\ (h \circ g) \circ f &= (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f \end{aligned}$$

- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{A},$   
 $h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f)$   
 $(h \circ g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}, w \in \mathcal{B},$   
 $h \circ (g \circ f) = h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} (g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f)$   
 $(h \circ g) \circ f = (h \circ_{\mathcal{B}} g) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$

- identity law

- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A},$   
 $f \circ \text{id}_x = f \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \text{id}_x = f$   
 $\text{id}_y \circ f = \text{id}_y \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f = f$
- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B},$   
 $f \circ \text{id}_x = f \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\text{id}_x = f \circ_{\mathcal{B}} \text{id}_{Sx} = f$   
 $\text{id}_y \circ f = \text{id}_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f = f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A},$   
 $f \circ \text{id}_x = f \circ_{\mathcal{B}} \text{id}_x = f$   
 $\text{id}_y \circ f = S\text{id}_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f = \text{id}_{Sy} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f = f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B},$   
 $f \circ \text{id}_x = f \circ_{\mathcal{B}} \text{id}_x = f$   
 $\text{id}_y \circ f = \text{id}_y \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f = f$

3.4. DEFINITION. Let  $\langle S : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, T : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}, \eta : I_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow TS, \epsilon : ST \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{B}} \rangle$  be an adjoint equivalence, let  $\mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B}$  be the equivalence fusion. We define the projections  $u, v$  as follows:

- $u : \mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$

object-function  $u : \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$

$$x \longmapsto ux := \begin{cases} x & (x \in \mathcal{A}) \\ Tx & (x \in \mathcal{B}) \end{cases}$$

hom-functions  $u : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(ux, uy)$

$$\langle f, x, y \rangle \longmapsto uf := \begin{cases} f & (x, y \in \mathcal{A}) \\ Tf & (x, y \in \mathcal{B}) \\ Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x & (x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}) \\ \eta_y^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf & (x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}) \end{cases}$$

- $v : \mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$

object-function  $v : \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{A} \Downarrow \mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{B})$

$$x \longmapsto vx := \begin{cases} Sx & (x \in \mathcal{A}) \\ x & (x \in \mathcal{B}) \end{cases}$$

hom-functions  $v : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(vx, vy)$

$$\langle f, x, y \rangle \longmapsto vf := \begin{cases} Sf & (x, y \in \mathcal{A}) \\ f & (\text{others}) \end{cases}$$

3.5. PROPOSITION. *The projections  $u, v$  are functors.*

PROOF. We show that  $u, v$  preserve composition of morphisms and identity morphism by case analysis.

- $u$  preserves composition of morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
& - x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f) = g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f \\
& - x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) = T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = (Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\
& - x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x) = \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = (\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} (Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x) \\
& - x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} (Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x) \\
& - x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} T(Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Tf \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} (\eta_y^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf) = \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} TSg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \\
& - x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = (Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_y) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} (\eta_y^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf) = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \\
& - x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = \eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = (\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg) \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \\
& - x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}, \\
& \quad u(g \circ f) = u(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = T(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \\
& \quad ug \circ_{\mathcal{A}} uf = Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf
\end{aligned}$$

- $u$  preserves identity morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
& - x \in \mathcal{A}, \\
& \quad u(\text{id}_x) = \text{id}_x = \text{id}_{ux} \\
& - x \in \mathcal{B}, \\
& \quad u(\text{id}_x) = T\text{id}_x = \text{id}_{Tx} = \text{id}_{ux}
\end{aligned}$$

- $v$  preserves composition of morphisms

- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f) = S(g \circ_{\mathcal{A}} f) = Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = Sg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Sf$
- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf) = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} Sf$
- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x)$   
 $= S(\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tg \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x)$   
 $= S\eta_z^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{B}} ST(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ_{\mathcal{B}} S\eta_x$   
 $= g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$
- $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = Sg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}, z \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{B}, z \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $v(g \circ f) = v(g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f) = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$   
 $vg \circ_{\mathcal{B}} vf = g \circ_{\mathcal{B}} f$

- $v$  preserves identity morphisms

- $x \in \mathcal{A}$   
 $v(\text{id}_x) = S\text{id}_x = \text{id}_{Sx} = \text{id}_{vx}$
- $x \in \mathcal{B}$   
 $v(\text{id}_x) = \text{id}_x \text{id}_{vx}$

3.6. PROPOSITION. *The projections  $u, v$  are surjective on objects, full and faithful.*

PROOF. It's trivial by definitions that  $u, v$  are surjective on objects. So we check fullness and faithfulness.

- $u$  is full and faithful

- $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $u : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{A}(x, y)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto f \in \mathcal{A}(x, y)$  is bijective.
  - $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $T : \mathcal{B}(x, y) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(Tx, Ty)$  is bijective. Therefore  $u : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(x, y)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto f \in \mathcal{A}(x, y) \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto Tf \in \mathcal{A}(Tx, Ty) = \mathcal{A}(ux, uy)$  is bijective.
  - $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{B}(Sx, y) \ni f \mapsto Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \in \mathcal{A}(x, Ty)$  is the right adjunct of each  $f$ , and bijective. Therefore  $u : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(Sx, y)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto Tf \circ_{\mathcal{A}} \eta_x \in \mathcal{A}(x, Ty) = \mathcal{A}(ux, uy)$  is bijective.
  - $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{B}(x, Sy) \ni f \mapsto \eta_y^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \in \mathcal{A}(Tx, y)$  is the left adjunct of each  $f$ , and bijective. Therefore  $u : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(x, Sy)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto \eta_y^{-1} \circ_{\mathcal{A}} Tf \in \mathcal{A}(Tx, y) = \mathcal{A}(ux, uy)$
- $v$  is full and faithful
- $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $S : \mathcal{A}(x, y) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(Sx, Sy)$  is bijective. Therefore  $v : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{A}(x, y)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto Sf \in \mathcal{B}(Sx, Sy) = \mathcal{B}(vx, vy)$  is bijective.
  - $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $v : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(x, y)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto f \in \mathcal{B}(x, y) = \mathcal{B}(vx, vy)$  is bijective.
  - $x \in \mathcal{A}, y \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
 $v : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(Sx, y)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto f \in \mathcal{B}(Sx, y) = \mathcal{B}(vx, vy)$  is bijective.
  - $x \in \mathcal{B}, y \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $v : \mathbf{Hom}(x, y) = \{\langle f, x, y \rangle \mid f \in \mathcal{B}(x, Sy)\} \ni \langle f, x, y \rangle \mapsto f \in \mathcal{B}(x, Sy) = \mathcal{B}(vx, vy)$  is bijective.

**3.7. THEOREM.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be categories.  $\mathcal{A}$  is ordinary equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  is span equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be ordinary equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  is adjoint equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus there exists a adjoint equivalence between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ . So we can construct the equivalence fusion and the projections. By Propositions, they are span equivalence. Therefore  $\mathcal{A}$  is span equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

On the other hand, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be span equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a span equivalence  $\langle \mathcal{C}, u, v \rangle$  between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  is ordinary equivalent to both  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A}$  is ordinary equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$ .



3.8. REMARK. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be presheaf category. The forgetful functor

$$U : \mathcal{A}\text{-}\mathbf{Cat} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}\text{-}\mathbf{Gph}$$

is monadic.

3.9. PROPOSITION. *Let  $F : \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Wk-1-Cat}$  be the isomorphism above. let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be categories.  $\mathcal{A}$  is span equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathbf{Cat}$  if and only if  $F(\mathcal{A})$  is span equivalent to  $F(\mathcal{B})$  in  $\mathbf{Wk-1-Cat}$ .*

PROOF.

3.10. THEOREM. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be categories.  $\mathcal{A}$  is ordinary equivalent to  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathbf{Cat}$  if and only if  $F(\mathcal{A})$  is span equivalent to  $F(\mathcal{B})$  in  $\mathbf{Wk-1-Cat}$ .*

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