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Higher condensation theory

Review of [?].

5.1 Definition of condensation

In this section, we refer to an **(n, n) -category** as an (∞, n) -category which is “truncated” at morphism degree n . Intuitively, if \mathcal{C} is an (n, n) -category, then, for arbitrary $n-1$ -morphisms $f, g \in \mathcal{C}_{n-1}$, the space of n -morphisms between f and g has discrete topology. Therefore, we can compose n -morphisms strictly (not up to homotopy), associatively, and unitaly.

Note that a **$(0, 0)$ -category** \mathcal{C} is merely a set^{*1}.

定義 5.1: 0-condensation

Let \mathcal{C} be a $(0, 0)$ -category. A **0-condensation** on \mathcal{C} is an equality between elements of a set \mathcal{C}_0 .

n -condensation is defined by induction.

定義 5.2: n -condensation

Fix $n \geq 0$. Let \mathcal{C} be an (n, n) -category, and let $x, y \in \mathcal{C}_0$ be objects of \mathcal{C} . We define n -condensation by induction on n .

n -condensation of x onto y in \mathcal{C} consists of three data:

- A 1-morphism $f \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)_0$
- A 1-morphism $g \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)_0$
- An $(n - 1)$ -condensation of $f \circ g$ onto Id_y in $\text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)$ ^a

^a Roughly speaking, a mapping space $\text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)$ itself is an $(n - 1, n - 1)$ -category. Strictly speaking, we need enriched ∞ -category theory.

*1 That is, \mathcal{C} consists of a set \mathcal{C}_0 of objects (0 -morphisms) only.

【例 5.1.1】 1-condensation

Let \mathcal{C} be a $(1, 1)$ -category (i.e. an ordinary category). **1-condensation** of x onto y in \mathcal{C} consists of these data:

- A 1-morphism $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$
- A 1-morphism $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)$
- A 0-condensation of $f \circ g$ onto Id_y in $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)$. i.e. $f \circ g = \text{Id}_y$

【例 5.1.2】 2-condensation

Let \mathcal{C} be a $(2, 2)$ -category (i.e. a bicategory). **2-condensation** of x onto y in \mathcal{C} consists of these data:

- A 1-morphism $f \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)_0$
- A 1-morphism $g \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)_0$
- A 1-condensation of $f \circ g$ onto Id_y in $(1, 1)$ -category $\text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)$.

By 【例 5.1.1】 ,

- A 1-morphism $f \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)_0$
- A 1-morphism $g \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)_0$
- A 2-morphism (in \mathcal{C}) $(f \circ g \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{Id}_y) \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)_1$
- A 2-morphism (in \mathcal{C}) $(\text{Id}_y \xrightarrow{\psi} f \circ g) \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)_1$
- An equality $\varphi \circ \psi = \text{Id}_{\text{Id}_y}$

【例 5.1.3】 3-condensation

Let \mathcal{C} be a $(3, 3)$ -category. By 【例 5.1.2】 , **3-condensation** of x onto y in \mathcal{C} consists of these data:

- A 1-morphism $f \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)_0$
- A 1-morphism $g \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)_0$
- A 2-morphism $(f \circ g \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{Id}_y) \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)_1$
- A 2-morphism $(\text{Id}_y \xrightarrow{\psi} f \circ g) \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)_1$
- A 3-morphism

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\varphi \circ \psi} & \\ \text{Id}_y & \Downarrow^{\alpha} & \text{Id}_y \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_{\text{Id}_y}} & \end{array} \right) \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)_2$$

- A 3-morphism

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_{\text{Id}_y}} & \\ \text{Id}_y & \Downarrow \beta & \text{Id}_y \\ & \xrightarrow{\varphi \circ \psi} & \end{array} \right) \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, y)_2$$

- An equality

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Id}_y \xrightarrow{\varphi \circ \psi} \text{Id}_y = \text{Id}_y \\ \Downarrow \alpha \quad \Downarrow \beta \\ \text{Id}_{\text{Id}_y} \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_{\text{Id}_y}} \text{Id}_{\text{Id}_y} \end{array}$$

5.2 Physical interpretation
