

Locally presentable initial-algebra semantics for (multimodal) dependent type theories

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Abstract. We propose a new approach to initial-algebra semantics for dependent type theories in locally presentable categories. Concretely, we list a handful of fundamental constructions (most of them well known) of locally presentable categories, right adjoint functors between them, and natural transformations between those. We then show how to compose these fundamental contructions in order to recover categories of models for dependent type theories, including Gratzer et al.’s multimodal type theory, as well as Uemura’s second-order generalised algebraic theories.

1 Introduction

1.1 Motivation

Cartmell [8] introduced *generalised algebraic theories* (GATs) as a device for presenting dependent type theories and their categories of models, in the spirit of *initial-algebra semantics* [17,16]: each GAT generates a category of “models”, and the presented type theory is implicitly defined as “the” initial object therein.

Furthermore, Cartmell showed that such categories of models are locally presentable [15,2,28], and conversely that any locally presentable category is presented by some GAT.

After Cartmell, one of the main reasons for continuing the research was that GATs are rather low-level, thus making it tedious to present even mildly complex type theories. Notably, dependent type theories always come with some notion of capture-avoiding substitution, which GATs make no attempt at automating. E.g., specifying a type constructor like dependent product requires many components: the type and term constructors (in any context), the eliminator with associated reduction rules or equations, as well as equations stating that these operations are compatible with substitution.

Recently, a few approaches have managed to improve the situation, in two complementary ways.

- First, they build substitution into operation arities [34,19,10,13]. E.g., the dependent product type constructor may be defined as a mere operation of arity $(ty \rightarrow ty) \rightarrow ty$ – its behaviour w.r.t. substitution follows.
- Moreover, some of them handle what Coraglia and Di Liberti call *extensional type constructors* [10, Section 3.7]. These are defined in a very compact way by requiring a well-chosen pair of (generally non-parallel) morphisms to be

completed into a pullback square, as, e.g., in Fig. 2(left) below. Features that may be specified in this way include extensional identity types, dependent products, and dependent sums.

Built-in substitution and extensional type constructors significantly simplify the task of specifying a type theory.

1.2 Contribution

In this paper, we present a new approach to initial-algebra semantics for dependent type theories, which features built-in substitution and extensional type constructors.

A surprising feature is that our approach mostly relies on standard results from locally presentable category theory.

More specifically, we show that the categories of models of a few “typical” dependent type theories may be reconstructed from first principles using only a handful of standard 2-categorical constructions, under which locally presentable categories are (mostly) known to be closed in **CAT**, the 2-category of locally small categories.

We demonstrate the expressiveness of our approach by (1) exhibiting a reconstruction of Gratzer et al.’s [18] multimodal type theory and (2) interpreting SOGATs in our framework. Multimodal type theory is a typical example that SOGATs cannot handle, so (1) shows that our framework is more expressive.

1.3 Related work

Let us compare our approach with already mentioned high-level ones [34, 19, 10, 13]. A first difference is that they do *biinitial-algebra semantics*, not initial-algebra semantics. Indeed, in all of these approaches, the models of any signature form a 2-category. Accordingly, the specified dependent type theory is a biinitial object. This is a refinement of initial objects, in which the *category* of morphisms from the biinitial object to any object is *equivalent* to 1, as opposed to isomorphic.

Kaposi and Xie [22] recently provided a translation of Uemura’s [34] SOGATs into GATs, hence indirectly equipped SOGATs with proper initial-algebra semantics. Our §4 may be viewed as an alternative route to the same goal, which avoids resorting to GATs.

A further difference between our approach and other high-level ones is that, in all of them, each signature gives rise to a *theory*, i.e., some kind of structured category modelling the syntactic constructions inherent in dependent type theory, which is then used to construct the category of models. These are *categories with representable maps* in Uemura [34], locally cartesian closed categories in Gratzer and Sterling [19], and lex 2-categories in Di Liberti et al. [10, 13]. This is in fact also true in Cartmell’s work, theories being his *contextual categories* [8]. Our approach avoids the need for a notion of theory altogether.

In less closely related work, let us mention the recent work by Bourke and Garner [7] and the references therein, which also contains general constructions

of locally presentable categories. To our knowledge, such approaches have not been applied to specifying dependent type theories. Notably, they do not feature built-in substitution or extensional type constructors.

Finally, we drew some initial inspiration from Altenkirch et al. [1].

1.4 Overview

Before diving into technical details, let us present the big picture. We first sketch our approach to constructing categories of models for dependent type theories, and then briefly touch upon the issue of local presentability.

Constructing categories of models for dependent type theories A core notion for models of dependent type theories is Awodey’s category of natural models [3,34]. A natural model consists of a “base” category \mathbb{C} , two discrete fibrations $\pi^{ty}: ty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\pi^{tm}: tm \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ over it, a functor $proj: tm \rightarrow ty$ over \mathbb{C} as on the right, together with a right adjoint $var \dashv proj$ (not necessarily over \mathbb{C}).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} tm & \xrightarrow{\quad proj \quad} & ty \\ \pi^{tm} \searrow & & \swarrow \pi^{ty} \\ & \mathbb{C} & \end{array}$$

Remark 1. We can additionally require the existence of a terminal object in \mathbb{C} , thought of as the empty context. We deal with it in Example 2.

Let us sketch our construction of the category of natural models. We will later show that all the constructions ensure local presentability.

- (a) We first construct the category \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 whose objects consist of a small category \mathbb{C} , together with discrete fibrations $\pi^{ty}: ty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\pi^{tm}: tm \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ on it, and a functor $proj: tm \rightarrow ty$ over \mathbb{C} , as above right.
- (b) This category admits a forgetful functor $dom^2: \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^2$, the category of morphisms in \mathbf{Cat} , mapping any object $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj)$ to $proj$.
- (c) We then construct the category $\mathbf{Cat}^{\text{adj}}$, whose objects are adjunctions between small categories.
- (d) This category also admits a forgetful functor to \mathbf{Cat}^2 , which maps any adjunction to the left adjoint.
- (e) Finally, we define \mathbf{NatMod} as the pullback below left. An object thus consists

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{NatMod} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Cat}^{\text{adj}} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \mathbf{Cat}^{\partial_{\text{adj}}} \\ \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad dom^2 \quad} & \mathbf{Cat}^2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{NatMod}_{\Pi} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{\text{lim}}} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{NatMod} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2} \end{array}$$

Fig. 1. Example constructions of categories of models of an object $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj) \in \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$, together with a right adjoint to $proj$, as desired.

Now that we have constructed the category of natural models of dependent type theory, let us sketch how to refine it to account for dependent products. A particularly efficient way of saying that a natural model $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj, var)$

(with $proj \dashv var$) has dependent products is using *extensional type constructors* [10, Section 3.7]. This amounts to (1) computing an “arity” object $\mathfrak{P}(proj)$ of $\mathbf{DFib}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$, and then (2) requiring the existence of a morphism $(\lambda, \Pi): \mathfrak{P}(proj) \rightarrow proj$ making the square below left a pullback [34, §3.3]. The endofunctor \mathfrak{P} is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{P}(tm) & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & tm \\ \mathfrak{P}(proj) \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow proj \\ \mathfrak{P}(ty) & \xrightarrow{\Pi} & ty \end{array} \quad \mathbf{DFib}_{\mathbb{C}}^2 \xrightarrow{ext^*} \mathbf{DFib}_{ty}^2 \xrightarrow{\pi_!^{ty}} \mathbf{DFib}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$$

Fig. 2. Extensional type constructor for dependent product defined as the composite above right, where

- ext , thought of as context extension, is the composite $ty \xrightarrow{var} tm \xrightarrow{\pi^{tm}} \mathbb{C}$,
- ext^* denotes pullback along it, and
- $\pi_!^{ty}$ denotes post-composition with $\pi^{ty}: ty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

In order to add such structure to the objects of **NatMod**, we proceed as follows.

- (a) We construct a category \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2} , whose objects consist of a small category \mathbb{C} , together with a pair of morphisms of discrete fibrations over \mathbb{C} .
- (b) We define the functor $\mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}$ sending any natural model $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj, var)$ to the pair of solid morphisms in Fig. 2(left) above.
- (c) We define the category $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{lim}}$, whose objects consist of a small category \mathbb{C} , together with a pullback square in $\mathbf{DFib}_{\mathbb{C}}$. We have a forgetful functor $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{lim}} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}$.
- (d) Finally, we define \mathbf{NatMod}_{Π} as the pullback of the last two functors, as in Fig. 1(right). An object is a natural model, together with morphisms λ and Π making the above square commutative into a pullback, i.e., a model of dependent type theory with dependent products.

Local presentability Let us now briefly sketch the tools needed to ensure that the categories of models, constructed as above, are locally presentable.

For this, we rely on a list of mostly known constructions of categories (resp. functors), under which local presentability (resp. right adjointness) are preserved.

The first, obvious construction that we used is the pullback. For this, we exploit the well-known result that the sub-2-category $\mathbf{RLPCAT} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{CAT}$ spanned by locally presentable categories, right adjoints between them, and all natural transformations, is closed under pullbacks, provided one of the legs is an *isofibration* (see Definition 1 below). In order to apply this to both pullbacks we took above (in \mathbf{CAT}), we show that (1) the bottom morphism lives in \mathbf{RLPCAT} , and (2) the right-hand morphism lives in $\mathbf{IRLPCAT}$, the sub-2-category of \mathbf{RLPCAT} spanned by isofibrations.

The first thing to check is of course that all involved categories in Fig. 1 are locally presentable. Roughly, the ingredients for this are the category \mathbf{DFib} of discrete fibrations, and exponentiation by a small category.

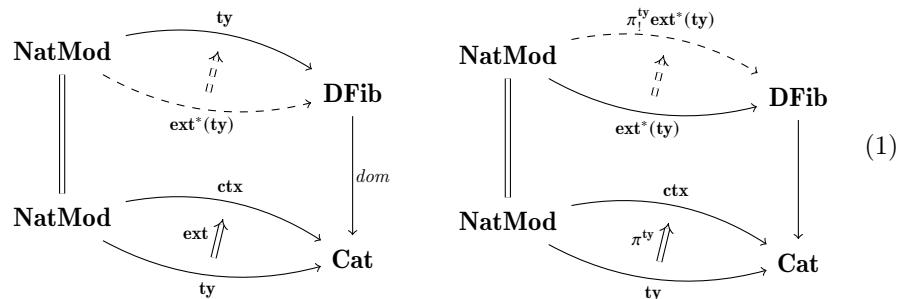
- (a) For showing that \mathbf{DFib} is locally presentable, we observe that it may be defined by orthogonality from \mathbf{Cat}^2 . It thus suffices to prove that locally presentable categories are closed under taking orthogonality classes and exponentiation by small categories. Both facts are indeed known.
- (b) We actually need a 2-categorical generalisation of the exponentiation result for the case of $\mathbf{Cat}^{\text{adj}}$ (Fig. 1, left).
- (c) Furthermore, we observe that the category \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 and its variants \mathbf{DFib}_v^C for some small category C , may be reconstructed by further pullbacks from \mathbf{DFib} and categories of the form \mathbf{Cat}^C for small C .
- (d) Finally, $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{\text{lim}}}$ is in fact equivalent to $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{2^\top}$, where 2^\top denotes the free-standing cospan.

At this point, we know that all categories occurring in Fig. 1 are locally presentable. Now, how about the functors?

For right-hand functors, the result about exponentiation by small (2-)categories extends to exponentiation by (2-)functors F between such (2-)categories. Any functor obtained in this way lives in \mathbf{RLPCAT} , and is an isofibration when F is injective on objects. This covers all cases, except $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{\text{lim}}} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}$. But this one factors as $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{\text{lim}}} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}$. The second factor lives in $\mathbf{IRLPCAT}$ by the results on pullback and exponentiation, and we prove separately that the first factor does so too.

Let us now turn to bottom functors in Fig. 1. Their construction may be broken down a little by the above-mentioned result on pullbacks: we exhibit an isomorphism $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2} \cong \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \times_{\mathbf{Cat}} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$ of categories, which enables us to break down the bottom functor of Fig. 1(right) as a pairing of two functors, one of which is an identity. The other functor maps any natural model $(C, ty, tm, proj, var)$ to $\mathfrak{P}(proj)$. Recalling Fig. 2(right), this is defined by pulling back $proj$ along ext , and then post-composing with π^{ty} .

First of all, pulling back any discrete fibration $p: E \rightarrow B$ along some functor $f: A \rightarrow B$ to its base may be viewed as reindexing p along f for the codomain fibration $\text{cod}: \mathbf{DFib} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$. Thus, e.g., reindexing ty along ext for each $(C, ty, tm, proj, var)$ is implemented 2-categorically by the cartesian lifting below left.



Similarly, the “common codomain” functor $\text{cod}: \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ is a fibration, and mapping each natural model $(C, ty, tm, proj, var)$ to $proj$ forms a functor

$\mathbf{U}: \mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$, which we may reindex along \mathbf{ext} just as before to get $\mathbf{ext}^*(proj)$.

This 2-categorical reconstruction of pulling back along ext allows us to prove local presentability. Indeed, Street [30] introduced a notion of fibration internal to a given 2-category. By showing that **R****LPCAT** is closed under cartesian lifting in this sense, we are able to prove that $\mathbf{ext}^*(\mathbf{U})$ lives in **R****LPCAT**.

Postcomposition with π^{ty} is subtler. Indeed, postcomposing a discrete fibration $p: E \rightarrow B$ with some functor $f: B \rightarrow C$ can *not* in general be viewed as opreindexing for the opfibration $cod: \mathbf{DFib} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$. Indeed, opreindexing is rather performed using the comprehensive factorisation system [31]. However, when the functor f is also a discrete fibration, then the composite is again a discrete fibration, hence does indeed provide an opreindexing. In this situation, the opreindexing does lift to **R****LPCAT**.

To make this formal, we introduce a notion of opfibration relative to some 2-cell in a 2-category. We then establish a result for transferring opfibration structure in **CAT** to relative opfibration structure in **R****LPCAT**. E.g., we may use this transfer result to show that the codomain functor $\mathbf{DFib} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ in **CAT** is an opfibration in **R****LPCAT**, relative to natural transformations whose components are discrete fibrations. This allows us to establish that the opcartesian lifting on the right in (1) lives in **R****LPCAT**. For each $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj, var)$, the opcartesian lifting returns the composite $\pi^{ty} \circ ext^*(ty)$, as desired. Similarly, the functor $\mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ is an opfibration relative to natural transformations whose components are discrete fibrations, and the opcartesian lifting of $\mathbf{ext}^*(\mathbf{U})$ along π^{ty} lives in **R****LPCAT**, and acts as desired: it maps $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj, var)$ to $\mathfrak{P}(proj)$.

By cartesian, and then opcartesian lifting, we have reconstructed the crucial functor $\mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$, and showed it lives in **R****LPCAT** as desired.

Applications After setting up all these constructions, using plain dependent type theory as a running example, we demonstrate their wide applicability by (1) reconstructing the category of models for Gratzer et al.’s multimodal dependent type theory [18], and (2) constructing a category of models for each of Uemura’s SOGATs [34].

1.5 Plan

We start in §2 by presenting our 2-categorical constructions and stating the results on their preserving local presentability. We then move on to our more substantial applications, multimodal type theory (§3) and SOGATs (§4). Finally, we conclude and give some perspective in §5.

1.6 Notation and preliminaries

We assume some good knowledge of basic category theory [27], as well as of notions of Grothendieck (op)fibration and (op)cartesian lifting [20]. (We sometimes mention some basic enriched [23] and 2-dimensional [26] aspects, but skipping them should not affect reading.)

Notation 1. Let **Set** and **Cat** denote the categories of small sets and categories, respectively, while **CAT** denotes the large category of locally small categories. When dealing with 2-categories, we sometimes write \circ_0 for composition along objects for disambiguation. Finally, $\mathbf{2}$ denotes the free-standing arrow.

2 Locally presentable toolkit

In this section, we present a detailed version of the constructions mentioned in the introduction as preserving local presentability.

2.1 Locally presentable categories

Let us start by recalling the basics of locally presentable categories. We treat the theory like a complete black box, merely giving references to proofs in the literature. Let us recall from the introduction:

Notation 2. We denote by **RLPCAT** the 2-category of locally presentable categories, right adjoint functors, and all natural transformations.

Let us record a few basic facts about locally presentable categories, all easy or mentioned in [2].

Proposition 1.

1. The categories **Set** and **Cat** are locally presentable.
2. Locally presentable categories are closed in **CAT** under equivalences of categories.
3. Any functor between locally presentable categories is a right adjoint iff it is accessible and continuous.
4. A functor from a locally presentable category to **Set** is a right adjoint iff it is representable.

Here is a harder, yet well known result:

Proposition 2 ([4, Theorem 2.18]). The forgetful 2-functor $\mathbf{RLPCAT} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{CAT}$ creates products, cotensors, and comma categories (as well as inserters, equifiers, and idempotent splittings).

Finally, we introduce the sub-2-category of **IRLPCAT** and state the announced result about pullbacks.

Definition 1. A functor $F: A \rightarrow B$ is an isofibration, or is isofibrant iff, for any isomorphism $j: b \rightarrow F(a)$, there exists an isomorphism $j': a' \rightarrow a$ such that $F(j') = j$. Let **IRLPCAT** denote the wide sub-2-category of **RLPCAT** spanned by right adjoint isofibrations and all natural transformations.

The first, central yet well known result is:

Proposition 3. For any pullback in **CAT** as below with $F \in \mathbf{RLPCAT}$ and $G \in \mathbf{IRLPCAT}$, we have $P \in \mathbf{IRLPCAT}$ and $Q \in \mathbf{RLPCAT}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{Q} & B \\ P \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow G \\ A & \xrightarrow{F} & C \end{array}$$

2.2 Cotensoring

In this subsection, we sharpen the cotensoring part of Proposition 2. We have two versions of it, one is 2-dimensional but limited¹ to **Cat**, the other is 1-dimensional but generalised to arbitrary locally presentable categories:

Proposition 4.

1. For any small category \mathbb{V} and locally presentable category \mathbf{C} , the category $\mathbf{C}^{\mathbb{V}}$ of functors from \mathbb{V} to \mathbf{C} is locally presentable and is characterised by the following natural isomorphism of categories, for all $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbf{RLPCAT}$.

$$\mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{C}^{\mathbb{V}}) \cong \mathbf{CAT}(\mathbb{V}, \mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{C}))$$

2. For any small 2-category \mathbb{K} , the category $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{K}}$ of 2-functors from \mathbb{K} to **Cat** and 2-natural transformations is locally presentable and is characterised by the following natural isomorphism of categories,

$$\mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{K}}) \cong |[\mathbb{K}, [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}]_{\mathbf{r}}]|$$

where $[-, -]$ denotes the hom-2-category of 2-functors, 2-natural transformations, and modifications, the \mathbf{r} subscript indicates a restriction to 2-functors whose underlying 1-functor is a right adjoint, and $|-|$ takes the underlying 1-category.

The above characterisations entail the following results (except for the injective-on-objects condition for isofibrations).

Proposition 5.

1. For any functor $F: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$ between small categories and $G: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ in **RLPCAT**, the functor $G^F: \mathbf{C}^{\mathbb{L}} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{\mathbb{K}}$ lives in **RLPCAT**. It is furthermore an isofibration when G is, and F is injective on objects.
2. For any 2-functor $F: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$ between small 2-categories, the restriction functor $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{L}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{K}}$ lives in **RLPCAT**. It is furthermore an isofibration when F is injective on objects.

Let us use this to substantiate some claims from the introduction.

Notation 3. Let **adj** denote the free-standing adjunction and $\partial_{\text{adj}}: \mathcal{E} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{adj}$ denote the embedding of the free-standing arrow as the left adjoint.

Example 1. The restriction functor $\partial_{\text{adj}}^*: \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbf{adj}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^2$ lives in **IRLPCAT**.

Example 2. We reconstruct Awodey's version [3] of *categories with families* [14], which are natural models whose base has a terminal object. We start by taking the pullback below right, where the bottom functor maps any \mathbf{C} to the unique functor $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow 1$. We then take the below left pullback.

¹ **Cat** could be replaced by any locally presentable category in the **Cat**-enriched sense.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Cat}_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}^{\text{adj}} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \partial_{\text{adj}}^* \\ \mathbf{Cat} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Cat}^2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{CwF} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}_1 \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{NatMod} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Cat} \end{array}$$

We further exploit the result for dealing with limiting diagrams.

Definition 2. For any small category \mathbb{C} , let \mathbb{C}_\perp denote the category obtained from \mathbb{C} by freely adding an initial object.

Lemma 1. For any categories \mathbb{C} and \mathbf{E} , diagrams $\mathbb{C}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ are in one-to-one correspondence with pairs of a diagram $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ and a cone over it.

Proposition 6. For any small \mathbb{C} and locally presentable \mathbf{E} , the full subcategory embedding $\mathbf{E}^{(\mathbb{C}_\perp)\text{lim}} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}_\perp}$ spanned by limit cones, lives in **IRLPCAT**.

Proof (sketch). We have $\mathbf{E}^{(\mathbb{C}_\perp)\text{lim}} \simeq \mathbf{E}^\mathbb{C}$, and the embedding $\mathbf{E}^\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}_\perp}$ is given by right Kan extension, which is a right adjoint by definition.

Example 3. Let $\square = 2 \times 2$ denote the free-standing square, which may be obtained by adding an initial object to the free-standing cospan. Proposition 6 entails that, for any locally presentable \mathbf{E} , the composite $\mathbf{E}^{\square\text{lim}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{E}^\square \hookrightarrow \mathbf{E}^{2+2}$ lives in **IRLPCAT** (see Fig. 1(right)).

2.3 Orthogonality

Our next well-known result is about orthogonality.

Definition 3. For any class \mathcal{J} of morphisms in a category \mathbf{E} , a morphism $p: E \rightarrow B$ in right orthogonal to \mathcal{J} iff for any $j: X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{J} , any commuting square $j \rightarrow p$ as below admits a unique lifting $Y \rightarrow E$ making both triangles commute. We let \mathcal{J}^\perp denote the full subcategory of \mathbf{E}^2 spanned by morphisms that are right orthogonal to \mathcal{J} .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ j \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \downarrow p \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & B \end{array}$$

Proposition 7. For any set J of morphisms in a locally presentable category \mathbf{E} , the embedding $J^\perp \hookrightarrow \mathbf{E}^2$ lives in **RPLPCAT**.

Since **DFib** is precisely $\{\partial_t\}^\perp$, where $\partial_t: 1 \rightarrow 2$ picks the codomain of the free-standing arrow, this readily entails:

Proposition 8. The embedding **DFib** $\hookrightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^2$ lives in **RPLPCAT**.

Remark 2. For any set J of morphisms in a locally presentable category, J^\perp is the right class of morphisms of an *orthogonal factorisation system*. E.g., taking $J = \{\partial_t: 1 \rightarrow 2\}$ in **Cat** yields the *comprehensive* factorisation system [31].

Let us finally use the results of this section to construct categories of the form **DFib** $_\nu^\mathbb{C}$, such as **DFib** $_\nu^2$ from §1.4.

Definition 4. For any small category \mathbb{C} and set J of morphisms in some locally presentable category \mathbf{E} , letting $\mathcal{R} = J^\perp$, we define $\mathcal{R}_v^{\mathbb{C}}$ as the pullback below left,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{R}_v^{\mathbb{C}} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}^{\mathbb{C}} \\ \text{cod} \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{cod}^{\mathbb{C}} \\ \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}^!} & \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{R}_v^{\mathbb{D}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{R}^{\mathbb{D}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{R}^{\mathbb{C}} \\ \text{cod} \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{cod}^{\mathbb{D}} & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{cod}^{\mathbb{C}} \\ \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}^!} & \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{D}} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}^F} & \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow & & \\ \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}} \end{array}$$

where $\mathbf{E}^!$ denotes restriction along the unique functor to 1. Then, for any functor $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ in \mathbf{Cat} , we define \mathcal{R}_v^F by universal property of pullback as above right.

Remark 3. Concretely, an object of $\mathcal{R}_v^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a diagram $D: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$ mapping all objects to morphisms with a common codomain $E \in \mathbf{E}$.

Proposition 9. Both diagrams of Definition 4 live in **RLPCAT** (in particular, pullbacks are pullbacks in **RLPCAT**).

Example 4. Since $\mathbf{DFib} = \{\partial_t\}^\perp$, any $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\mathbb{C}}$ is locally presentable, and both projections $\mathbf{Cat} \xleftarrow{\text{cod}} \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{DFib}^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{Cat}^2)^{\mathbb{C}}$ live in **RLPCAT**. Taking $\mathbb{C} = 2$ and postcomposing the right-hand projection with $\text{dom}^2: (\mathbf{Cat}^2)^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^2$ (using Proposition 5 to show that this lives in **RLPCAT**), we get the bottom morphism of Fig. 1(left).

Combining this with Example 1 and Proposition 3, we obtain:

Proposition 10. The pullback in Fig. 1(left) lives in **RLPCAT**, with both vertical morphisms in **IRLPCAT**.

Example 5. It is easy to see that the square on the right is a pullback. The bottom functor of Fig. 1(right) may thus be viewed as the pairing $\langle \overline{\mathfrak{P}}, \text{id} \rangle: \mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \times \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$, where $\overline{\mathfrak{P}}$ is the pointwise version of \mathfrak{P} , in the sense that it maps any $(\mathbb{C}, \text{ty}, \text{tm}, \text{proj}, \dots)$ to $\mathfrak{P}(\text{proj})$. Since the identity functor lives in **RLPCAT**, this leaves us with the task of proving that $\overline{\mathfrak{P}}$ does so too.

Let us conclude this subsection by combining Proposition 9 with limit diagrams in the sense of Proposition 6.

Definition 5. For any small category \mathbb{C} and set J of morphisms in some locally presentable category \mathbf{E} , letting $\mathcal{R} = J^\perp$, we define $\mathcal{R}_v^{(\mathbb{C}_\perp)_\text{lim}}$ and its embedding into $\mathcal{R}_v^{\mathbb{C}_\perp}$ as the pullback below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{R}_v^{(\mathbb{C}_\perp)_\text{lim}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{E}^{(\mathbb{C}_\perp)_\text{lim}} \\ \text{cod} \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{R}_v^{\mathbb{C}_\perp} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}^{\mathbb{C}_\perp} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}^{\mathbb{C}_\perp}} \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}_\perp} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{DFib}_v^{in_2}} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \\ \mathbf{DFib}_v^{in_1} \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{cod} \\ \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} & \mathbf{Cat} \end{array}$$

Proposition 11. *The whole square of Definition 5 lives in **RLPCAT**, with all marked monos in **IRLPCAT**.*

Example 6. The composite $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{\text{lim}}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}$, which is the right-hand functor in Fig. 1(right), lives in **IRLPCAT**.

2.4 Cartesian and opcartesian liftings

It remains to show that the bottom functor of Fig. 1(right) lives in **RLPCAT**. We already broke it down as $\langle \overline{\mathfrak{P}}, \text{id} \rangle$ in Example 5. As sketched in the introduction, we now reconstruct $\overline{\mathfrak{P}}$ in a 2-categorical way, relying on the notion of (op)fibration.

Definition 6 (Street [30]). *A 1-cell $p: E \rightarrow B$ in a 2-category \mathcal{K} is a fibration (resp. opfibration) iff each postcomposition functor $[X, p]: [X, E] \rightarrow [X, B]$ is a Grothendieck fibration (resp. opfibration), and furthermore, for any $f: X \rightarrow Y$, the precomposition functor $[f, E]: [Y, E] \rightarrow [X, E]$ preserves cartesian (resp. opcartesian) 2-cells.*

We first formalise the fact that all is well for fibrations:

Proposition 12. *The forgetful functor $\mathbf{RLPCAT} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{CAT}$ reflects fibrations, in the sense that any morphism in **RLPCAT** which is also a fibration in **CAT**, is in fact a fibration in **RLPCAT**.*

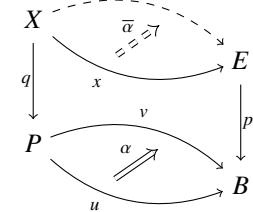
Remark 4. The real bit of information behind this result is that if we're given a fibration in **CAT** that happens to live in **RLPCAT**, then cartesian liftings of natural transformations in **RLPCAT** along functors in **RLPCAT** will again live in **RLPCAT**.

As announced in the introduction, the situation for opfibrations is more subtle:

Proposition 13. *There exists a functor in **RLPCAT** which is a fibration in **CAT** but not in **RLPCAT**.*

However, in applications, some useful opcartesian liftings are reflected by the forgetful functor. In order to exploit them, we introduce relative opfibrations.

Definition 7. *In any 2-category \mathcal{K} , a 1-cell $p: E \rightarrow B$ is an opfibration relative to some 2-cell α as on the right iff any 2-cell factoring through α admits an opcartesian lifting $\overline{\alpha}$ as above right, i.e., for all q and x making the front face commute, $\alpha \circ_0 q$ admits an opcartesian lifting as shown, and furthermore opcartesianness of $\overline{\alpha}$ is preserved under precomposition by arbitrary 1-cells.*



Remark 5. An opfibration $p: E \rightarrow B$ is an opfibration relative to the canonical 2-cell between $\text{cod}, \text{dom}: B^2 \rightarrow B$.

Our main way of producing relative opfibrations is through right orthogonality classes. We saw in Proposition 7 that embeddings of the form $J^\perp \hookrightarrow \mathbf{E}^2$ live in **RLPCAT**. This readily entails that the natural transformation on the right does so too. In fact, we have more:

Proposition 14. *For any set J of morphisms in a locally presentable category \mathbf{E} , the codomain projection $\text{cod}: J^\perp \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ is an opfibration relative to λ^J and the opcartesian lifting of any $b \xrightarrow{s} c$ along any $a \xrightarrow{r} b$ is given by composition.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{dom}^J & \\ J^\perp & \Downarrow \lambda^J & \rightarrow \mathbf{E} \\ & \text{cod}^J & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a & = & a \\ r \downarrow & & \downarrow s \circ r \\ b & \xrightarrow{s} & c \end{array}$$

Example 7. By Proposition 14 cod is an opfibration relative to λ , as below left in **RLPCAT**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{DFib} & \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} & \mathbf{DFib} \\ \mathbf{DFib} & \Downarrow \lambda & \downarrow \text{cod} \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} & \mathbf{Cat} \\ & \text{dom}^2 & \downarrow \text{cod} \\ \mathbf{DFib} & \Downarrow \lambda & \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat} \\ & \text{cod} & \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Using Proposition 3, we deduce that $\text{cod}: \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ is also an opfibration relative to λ . This legitimates the opcartesian lifting of $\text{ext}^*(\mathbf{U})$ along π^{ty} , which is the $\bar{\mathfrak{P}}$ of Example 5, needed for Fig. 1(right).

With this in stock, we have:

Proposition 15. *All categories constructed in §1.4 are locally presentable.*

2.5 Bonuses

In this final subsection, we record a few facts that are not useful for the basic applications of §1.4, but that are for the harder applications in the next sections.

Proposition 16.

1. For any family $(F_i: \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_i)_{i \in I}$ of functors in **IRLPCAT**, the product $\prod_i F_i: \prod_i \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \prod_i \mathbf{B}_i$ in **CAT**² is again in **IRLPCAT**.
2. The embedding **RLPCAT** $\hookrightarrow \mathbf{CAT}$ creates transfinite cocompositions of isofibrations, in the sense that for any ordinal λ and continuous functor $F: \lambda^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{IRLPCAT}$, any limiting cone in **CAT** in fact lives in **IRLPCAT** and is limiting in **RLPCAT**.

Example 8. For any ω -cochain $\dots \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_0$ of morphisms in **IRLPCAT**, any limiting cone in **CAT** lives in **IRLPCAT** and is limiting in **RLPCAT**.

3 Application: multimodal type theory

In this section, we exploit our constructions to cover multimodal type theory [18]. We start with the ambient framework, and then consider logical connectives.

3.1 Ambient framework: multimodal natural models

The semantic framework for models of multimodal type theory is built up in two stages: multimodal context structures are introduced first; then multimodal natural models are defined on top of that.

We consider a fixed, small 2-category \mathbb{M} , throughout the section.

Let us introduce the first-stage structure:

Definition 8. A multimodal context structure is a 2-functor $\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$, where \mathbb{M}^{coop} denotes \mathbb{M} with both 1- and 2-cells reversed, and \mathbf{Cat} here denotes the 2-category of small categories (with 2-dimensional structure).

Multimodal context structures and 2-natural transformations between them form a category, which we denote by $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}}}$.

Remark 6. Although it is constructed from 2-categories, we are considering the mere 1-category of 2-functors and 2-natural transformations.

Proposition 17. The category $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}}}$ is locally presentable.

We now move on to the second-stage structure, for which we use the following alternative, yet equivalent definition.

Definition 9. A multimodal natural model [18, Definition 5.4] consists of a multimodal context structure $\llbracket - \rrbracket: \mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$, equipped with a morphism $\text{proj}_m: tm_m \rightarrow ty_m$ of discrete fibrations over $\llbracket m \rrbracket$, such that, for all $\mu: m \rightarrow n$ in \mathbb{M} , each pullback $\llbracket \mu \rrbracket^*(\text{proj}_m): \llbracket \mu \rrbracket^*(tm_m) \rightarrow \llbracket \mu \rrbracket^*(ty_m)$ is equipped with natural model structure over $\llbracket n \rrbracket$.

We call **MNatMod** the category of multimodal natural models and structure-preserving morphisms between them.

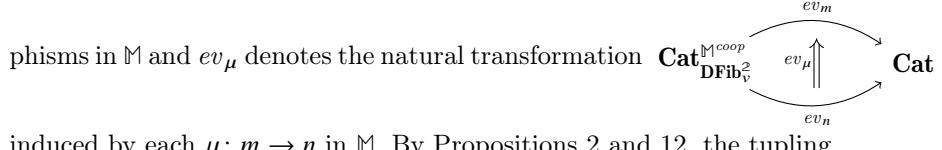
Our constructions allow us to prove:

Proposition 18. The category **MNatMod** is locally presentable.

Proof (sketch). Starting from $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}}}$ (using Proposition 17), we take the pull-back below left, thus equipping each base category with a morphism of discrete fibrations.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{Cat}_{\mathbf{DFib}_v^2}^{\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}}} & \xrightarrow{\langle U_m \rangle_m} & (\mathbf{DFib}_v^2)^{\text{ob}(\mathbb{M})} \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{cod}^{\text{ob}(\mathbb{M})} \\
 \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}}} & \xrightarrow{\langle ev_m \rangle_m} & \mathbf{Cat}^{\text{ob}(\mathbb{M})}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{MNatMod} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{NatMod}^{\text{mor}(\mathbb{M})} \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{Cat}_{\mathbf{DFib}_v^2}^{\mathbb{M}^{\text{coop}}} & \xrightarrow{\langle ev_\mu^*(U_{\text{dom}(\mu)}) \rangle_\mu} & (\mathbf{DFib}_v^2)^{\text{mor}(\mathbb{M})}
 \end{array}$$

We then take the pullback above right, where $\text{mor}(\mathbb{M})$ denotes the set of mor-



phisms in \mathbb{M} and ev_μ denotes the natural transformation induced by each $\mu: m \rightarrow n$ in \mathbb{M} . By Propositions 2 and 12, the tupling

$$\langle ev_\mu^*(\mathbf{U}_{dom(\mu)}) \rangle_\mu: \mathbf{Cat}_{DFib_v^2}^{M^{coop}} \rightarrow (DFib_v^2)^{\text{mor}(\mathbb{M})}$$

lives again in **R****LPCAT**, hence so does the pullback.

3.2 Connectives

In this subsection, we sketch a treatment of logical connectives of multimodal type theory. As before, we focus on dependent product.

Definition 10. *A dependent product structure [18, §5.2.1] on a multimodal natural model $([-], ty, tm, proj, var, \dots)$ consists of morphisms $\mathfrak{P}_\mu(proj_m) \rightarrow proj_m$, for all morphisms $\mu: m \rightarrow n$ in \mathbb{M} , whose underlying square is a pullback, where \mathfrak{P}_μ denotes the composite*

$$DFib_{[m]}^2 \xrightarrow{[\mu]^*} DFib_{[n]}^2 \xrightarrow{ext_n^*} DFib_{ty_n}^2 \xrightarrow{\pi_!^{ty_n}} DFib_{[n]}^2.$$

Proposition 19. *The category of multimodal natural models with dependent products and morphisms between them is locally presentable.*

Proof. We proceed by combining the techniques for plain dependent product (notably Proposition 14) with those for **MNatMod** in the previous subsection (i.e., indexing everything by morphisms in \mathbb{M}).

4 Application: SOGATs

In this section, we present a second application of §2: we interpret SOGATs as locally presentable categories. By definition, SOGATs pertain to a specific logical framework [33,34]. This logical framework is itself close to standard type theory with dependent products, but departs from it in two main ways:

1. it is indexed by so-called *signatures*, with a “local” type theory at each signature, and
2. it has two universes $*$ and \square of types, and only dependent products of the form $\prod_A B$ for $A : *$ and $B : \square$ are allowed, with a result in \square .

Furthermore, signatures interact with local type theories through some specific *signature extension* rules. SOGATs are defined as signatures in this logical framework, so their semantics will follow if we interpret the latter.

Remark 7. Signatures are in fact potentially infinite, which we can accommodate by Proposition 16(2).

The rest of this section is devoted to sketching such an interpretation. We first sketch the over architecture of our interpretation and its central piece (§4.1), a generalised category with families [11,10], and then the interpretation of the logical framework’s dependent products (§4.2) and signature extension rules (§4.2). More details are available in the appendix.

4.1 Overall architecture

Were we to interpret a plain type theory with dependent products, it would suffice to exhibit something like a CwF with the structure described in Fig. 2. But since we wish our interpretation to live in **R**LPCAT, we work with categories that are definitely not small. Furthermore, we consider fibrations that are not discrete. We thus need to move from **DFib** to general fibrations in **R**LPCAT. Furthermore, we work in the slice 2-category $\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{LPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$ over **Cat**. All in all, we work in the category **FIB**(\mathcal{K}) of general fibrations in \mathcal{K} . We thus need to generalise from CwFs to the following:

Definition 11 ([11,10]). A generalised category with families² (*gecawf*) object in a 2-category \mathcal{K} consists of an object C , together with fibrations $\pi^{ty}: ty \rightarrow C$ and $\pi^{tm}: tm \rightarrow C$ and a fibration morphism $proj: ty \rightarrow tm$ with a right adjoint $var \vdash proj$ in \mathcal{K} , such that the unit and counit are cartesian.

Remark 8. For coherence reasons, we actually need to work with split fibrations. We gloss over this here for simplicity, and refer the reader to the appendix.

Example 9. The prime example of a gecawf in **CAT** is given below left, where $tm = \mathbf{DFib}_\bullet$ denotes the category of discrete fibrations equipped with a section.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbf{DFib}_\bullet & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{DFib} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^\mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_v}} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 & [\Sigma, \mathbf{DFib}_v^\mathbb{R}] \xrightarrow{[\Sigma, \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_v}]} [\Sigma, \mathbf{DFib}_v^2] \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow cod & \searrow & & \searrow cod_v & \searrow \\
 & & \mathbf{Cat} & & \mathbf{DFib} & & [\Sigma, \mathbf{DFib}] \xleftarrow{[\Sigma, cod_v]}
 \end{array}$$

It remains to figure out the structure needed to interpret indexing over signatures and dependent products as in (1) and (2) above, as well as the interaction between signatures and local theories.

Indexing is taken care of by “homming into”: we exhibit a gecawf with suitable dependent products in $\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{LPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$, as above center, and let the local theory at any signature Σ denote the one above right. (This in particular implies that each signature Σ is interpreted as a functor $\pi^\Sigma: |\Sigma| \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ in **R**LPCAT.)

We now need to prove that the above center triangle is a gecawf:

² This is a generalisation of the existing notion of gecawf in an arbitrary 2-category.

Proposition 20. *The functor $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_{\mathbb{R}}} : \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$ admits a right adjoint ρ over \mathbf{Cat} , given by pointwise self pullback, in the sense that the image of any $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj)$ is the pullback of $proj$ with itself, with section the diagonal. Moreover, the unit and counit are vertical over \mathbf{Cat} and cartesian with respect to the projections to \mathbf{DFib} .*

Finally, we upgrade this gecawf to some version with two universes, and exhibit the desired dependent products. The second universe, and the embedding of $*$ as a subuniverse of \square , are modelled as the embedding $\mathbf{NatMod} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$.

4.2 Dependent products

Accordingly, the polynomial functor \mathfrak{P} used in Fig. 2 to axiomatise dependent products becomes

$$\mathbf{FIB}(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbf{DFib}}^2 \xrightarrow{\xi^*} \mathbf{FIB}(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbf{NatMod}}^2 \xrightarrow{\pi_!^{ty}} \mathbf{FIB}(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbf{DFib}}^2,$$

where ξ and π^{ty} denote the functors below, respectively mapping $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj)$ to tm and ty .

$$\mathbf{DFib} \xleftarrow{cod_v} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \xleftarrow{\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_{\mathbb{R}}}} \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\mathbb{R}} \xleftarrow{\rho} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \hookleftarrow \mathbf{NatMod} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \xrightarrow{cod_v} \mathbf{DFib},$$

where ρ is the right adjoint of Proposition 20.

Remark 9. The most important point here is perhaps that we use \mathbf{NatMod} rather than \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 as the middle object, which accounts for the specific form of dependent products in the logical framework (2).

Now, to show that the given gecawf features such dependent products, we need to exhibit an analogue of a pullback square $\mathfrak{P}(proj) \rightarrow proj$. Let us start with the \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 component. The pullback below left

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{P}(\mathbf{DFib}_v^2) & \xrightarrow{dfib} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \\ natmod \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow cod_v \\ \mathbf{NatMod} & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathbf{DFib} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & var & & \\ & \mathbb{E} & \xrightarrow{q} & tm & \xrightarrow{\tau} ty \\ & \swarrow p & & \downarrow \pi^{tm} & \searrow \pi^{ty} \\ & \mathbb{C} & & & \end{array}$$

along ξ has as objects all diagrams of the form above right: natural models equipped with a discrete fibration morphism to their terms.

We should now define functors λ and Π as below left,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{P}(\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\mathbb{R}}) & \dashrightarrow^{\lambda} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\mathbb{R}} \\ \mathfrak{P}(\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_{\mathbb{R}}}) \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_{\mathbb{R}}} \\ \mathfrak{P}(\mathbf{DFib}_v^2) & \dashrightarrow_{\Pi} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & var^*(q) & & \\ & \mathbb{E} & \xleftarrow{} & \mathbb{E}' & \xrightarrow{var} ty \\ & \swarrow q & & \downarrow \pi^{tm} & \searrow \pi^{ty} \\ & \mathbb{C} & & & \end{array}$$

which should be morphisms of fibrations over \mathbf{DFib} and form a pullback. For Π , we map any object $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, \dots, \mathbb{E}, p, j)$ to some choice of pullback $var^*(q)$, viewed as a discrete fibration morphism to π^{ty} , as above right. The functor λ component is similar, the only difference being that q has a section. Retractions being closed under pullback, $var^*(q)$ does lift to a functor $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbf{DFib}_v^\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^\mathbb{R}$.

Remark 10. It may not be obvious at this point that Π and λ are relevant for interpreting SOGATs. We explain this in a bit more detail in Example 10 below, but in the meantime, we invite the reader to think of objects of \mathbb{E} as inputs to some operation being specified, which are indexed by terms. This encompasses inputs that are indexed by types: one may pull back along $proj$ to index over terms. Then, pulling back along var as Π does amounts to considering inputs “in an extended context”, which is precisely what is needed for binding operations.

The proof that the obtained square is a pullback is rather technical, and omitted for lack of space.

4.3 Signature extension

We conclude by sketching our interpretation of the interaction between signatures and local type theories. This happens mainly through “signature extension” rules. The logical framework features three rules for extending signatures and one for extending contexts, which we include for comparison:

$$\frac{\Sigma|\Gamma \vdash}{\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow * \vdash} \quad \frac{\Sigma|\Gamma \vdash}{\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow \square \vdash} \quad \frac{\Sigma|\Gamma \vdash A : \square}{\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow A \vdash} \quad \frac{\Sigma|\Gamma \vdash A : \square}{\Sigma|\Gamma, A \vdash}$$

In our interpretation, $\Sigma|\Gamma$ is a context in the local type theory over Σ , which means a morphism $|\Sigma| \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}$ over \mathbf{Cat} in \mathbf{RLPCAT} . The first three rules construct an signature, while the last one construct a context in the current local type theory. We interpret these rules as below.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow * \rightarrow \mathbf{NatMod} & \Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow \square \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 & \Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow A \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^\mathbb{R} & \Sigma \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \\ \downarrow \text{ty} & \downarrow \text{cod}_v & \downarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\partial_\mathbb{R}} & \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{dom}_v \\ \searrow \Gamma, A \end{array} \\ \Sigma \xrightarrow[\Gamma]{} \mathbf{DFib} & \Sigma \xrightarrow[\Gamma]{} \mathbf{DFib} & \Sigma \xrightarrow[A]{} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 & \mathbf{DFib} \end{array}$$

Remark 11. An object of $|\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow \square|$ is an object $C \in |\Sigma|$ together with a morphism to $|\Gamma|(C)$ in $\mathbf{DFib}_{\pi^\Sigma(C)}$ – same for $|\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow *|$, except that the morphism now should be equipped with a right adjoint. By contrast, an object of $|\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow A|$ is an object $C \in |\Sigma|$ equipped with a section of $proj^A(C) : |A|(C) \rightarrow |\Gamma|(C)$ over $\pi^\Sigma(C)$. (This in particular yields a term of type A (weakened) in $\Sigma, \Gamma \Rightarrow \square()$.)

Example 10. For some uninteresting reasons, the signature $\Sigma := (ty : \square, el : ty \Rightarrow *)$ is in fact interpreted as \mathbf{NatMod} . Let us sketch the (hopefully more interesting) interpretation of $\Sigma_\Pi := (\Sigma, \Pi : (A : ty, B : \prod_{B:el(A)} ty) \Rightarrow ty)$. Briefly, the type $\Sigma|() \vdash ty : \square$ is interpreted as the functor $\mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$

mapping any $(\mathbb{C}, ty, tm, proj, var)$ to the unique morphism $\pi^{ty} : ty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of discrete fibrations over \mathbb{C} . Furthermore, the context $\Sigma|A : \text{ty}, B : \text{el}(A)$ is interpreted as the functor $\text{NatMod} \rightarrow \text{DFib}$ returning π^{tm} . Thus, by local weakening, $\Sigma|A : \text{ty}, B : \text{el}(A) \vdash \text{ty} : \square$ is interpreted as the right-hand pullback square below.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \llbracket \prod_{\text{el}} \text{ty} \rrbracket & \longrightarrow & tm \times_{\mathbb{C}} ty & \longrightarrow & ty \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \pi^{ty} \\ ty & \xrightarrow{\text{var}} & tm & \xrightarrow{\pi^{tm}} & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

By definition of the functor Π defined in §4.3, the dependent product $\Sigma|A : \text{ty} \vdash \prod_{B:\text{el}(A)} \text{ty} : \square$ is obtained by further pulling back along var , as in the left-hand square above. Since the bottom composite is in fact ext , $\prod_{\text{el}(A)} \text{ty}$ as returning $\text{ext}^*(\pi^{ty})$. Extending the context with this, we get the functor $\text{NatMod} \rightarrow \text{DFib}$ returning the composite $\text{ext}^*(ty) \xrightarrow{\text{ext}^*(\pi^{ty})} ty \xrightarrow{\pi^{ty}} \mathbb{C}$. We have recovered the type component $\mathfrak{P}(\pi^{ty}) = \pi_!^{ty}(\text{ext}^*(\pi^{ty}))$ of Fig. 2(right). Finally, the weakened type $\text{ty} : \square$ takes the product with ty over \mathbb{C} , so that the example signature Σ_Π is interpreted as the category of natural models equipped with sections of $ty_\gamma \times \coprod_{a \in ty_\gamma} ty_{\text{ext}(\gamma, a)} \rightarrow \coprod_{a \in ty_\gamma} ty_{\text{ext}(\gamma, a)}$, i.e., equivalently, maps $\coprod_{a \in ty_\gamma} ty_{\text{ext}(\gamma, a)} \rightarrow ty_\gamma$, as desired.

5 Conclusion

We have demonstrated that a few well-known constructions on locally presentable categories may be used to efficiently produce a large class of categories of models of dependent type theories.

The natural next step is to try and design a synthetic theory of locally presentable categories, which would yield a potentially mechanisable formal framework in which to express such constructions. Inspiration for this may be drawn from work by Cisinski et al. [9] and Riehl and Verity [29].

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A Omitted proofs

A.1 Proofs for §2

Proof (Proposition 3). By [4, Theorem 2.18], the 2-category **RLPCAT** is closed under flexible limits, which entails that it is closed under all bilimits. Indeed, creation of pseudo-limits entails creation of all bilimits by [25, Proposition 6.1], and furthermore creation of flexible limits entails creation of pseudo-limits by [4, Theorem 1.25]. Furthermore, by Joyal and Street [21, Corollary 1], any pullback along an isofibration in a 2-category is in fact a bipullback, hence any the pullback is created – as a bipullback – by the forgetful functor **RLPCAT** → **CAT**. The fact that it is not only a bipullback but also a pullback in **RLPCAT** follows from the 2-functor **RLPCAT** → **CAT** being faithful and locally faithful.

Proof (Propositions 4 and 5). The 1-dimensional part of these statements mostly follows from the cotensor part of Proposition 2 below (this is in fact [4, Proposition 2.12]). For the isofibrancy part, that \mathbf{C}^F is an isofibration follows from Theorem 9 in §D. Finally, that G^K is an isofibration follows from isofibrations being pointwise in **CAT**.

Let us now deal with the 2-dimensional part. By Kelly [24, §3.4], the hom-2-category $[\mathbb{K}, \mathbf{Cat}]$ is locally finitely presentable in the \mathbf{Cat} -enriched sense, so by Kelly [24, §7.5] its underlying category is locally finitely presentable in the plain sense. Moreover, any restriction 2-functor is a right 2-adjoint by 2-cocompleteness of \mathbf{Cat} , hence the underlying functor is a right adjoint. When $F: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$ is an injective-on-objects 2-functor, the restriction functor $F^*: [\mathbb{L}, \mathbf{Cat}] \rightarrow [\mathbb{K}, \mathbf{Cat}]$ is an isofibration thanks to Theorem 9 in §D.

It remains to justify the natural isomorphism

$$\mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{K}}) \cong |[\mathbb{K}, [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}]_{\mathbf{r}}]|.$$

It is enough to show that the isomorphism of categories below restricts to the above one.

$$\mathbf{CAT}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{K}}) \cong |[\mathbb{K}, [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}]]|$$

In other words, we must show that a functor $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{K}}$ is accessible and continuous if and only if the corresponding 2-functor $\mathbb{K} \rightarrow [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}]$ factors through $[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Cat}]_{\mathbf{r}}$, which means that for each object k of \mathbb{K} , the functor $F(k, -): \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ is right adjoint, or equivalently by Proposition 1, that it is accessible and continuous. This follows from the fact that limits and colimits are computed pointwise in a 2-functor 2-category.

Proof (Example 2). We need to show that the bottom functor is a right adjoint: it is indeed right adjoint to the functor $\mathbf{Cat}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \mathbf{Cat}$.

Proof (Proposition 6). Let us readily observe that this functor is an isofibration because limit cones are closed under isomorphism in $[\mathbb{C}_{\perp}, \mathbf{E}]$. Furthermore, by completeness of \mathbf{E} this functor is the full image of the right Kan extension functor $\Pi_{\mathbb{C}}: \mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow [\mathbb{C}_{\perp}, \mathbf{E}]$. By full faithfulness of the embedding $\mathbb{C} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\perp}$, $\Pi_{\mathbb{C}}$ is fully faithful, hence $\mathbf{E}^{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow [\mathbb{C}_{\perp}, \mathbf{E}]_{\lim}$ is an equivalence. This shows that $[\mathbb{C}_{\perp}, \mathbf{E}]_{\lim}$ is locally presentable, by Proposition 2. Finally, by construction, $\Pi_{\mathbb{C}}$ lives in \mathbf{RLPCAT} , as a right adjoint functor between locally presentable categories. \square

Before proving Proposition 7, we show:

Lemma 2. *For any locally presentable category \mathbf{E} and set J of morphisms therein, the full subcategory J^{\perp} spanned by objects that are right orthogonal to J is again locally presentable, where $X \in J^{\perp}$ iff for any $j: A \rightarrow B$ in J , any morphism $A \rightarrow X$ uniquely extends to B , as below.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ j \downarrow & \nearrow & \exists! \\ B & & \end{array}$$

Furthermore, the embedding $J^{\perp} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{E}$ lives in \mathbf{RLPCAT} .

Proof. This is well known, but here is a concise proof. The functor $J^{\perp} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{E}$ arises by pullback in \mathbf{CAT} as below left,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 J^{\perp\perp} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (\mathbf{Set}^{\perp})^J \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow (\mathbf{Set}^{\partial_1})^J \\
 \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{([j,-])_{j \in J}} & (\mathbf{Set}^2)^J
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{E} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{[b,-]} \\ \Downarrow [j,-] \\ \xrightarrow{[a,-]} \end{array} & \mathbf{Set}
 \end{array}$$

where for any $(j : a \rightarrow b) \in J$, the j th component of the bottom functor maps any $E \in \mathbf{E}$ to the map $[j, E] : [b, E] \rightarrow [a, E]$. The square is a pullback in **CAT** by definition of $J^{\perp\perp}$, and the right-hand functor is in **IRLPCAT** by Proposition 2 and ?? AL: broken ref. Finally, the bottom functor is in **RRLPCAT** by ?? and the fact that each $[j, E]$ corresponds by universal property of \mathbf{Set}^2 to the natural transformation above right, which is in **RRLPCAT** by Proposition 1.

Proof (Proposition 7). We apply the lemma with the category \mathbf{E}^2 and set of arrows, say J^+ , given by all morphisms $(j, id) : j \rightarrow id$, as below,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{j} & B \\
 j \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 B & \xlongequal{\quad} & B
 \end{array}$$

for $j \in J$. Indeed, the subcategory $(J^+)^{\perp\perp}$ consists of all morphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that, for all u and v making the back face below commute,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{u} & X & & \\
 j \downarrow & \searrow j & \nearrow k & \downarrow f & \\
 B & \xrightarrow{v} & Y & \xrightarrow{v'} & B
 \end{array}$$

there exist unique k and v' making the whole diagram commute. But v' must equal v , so this is clearly equivalent to $f \in J^{\perp}$, hence the result.

Proof (Proposition 9). Easy by the previous results.

Proof (Proposition 11). Easy by the previous results.

Proof (Proposition 12, due to ANON. (personal communication)). Let us first treat the case of fibrations. By Weber [35, Theorem 2.7], a morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ in any finitely complete 2-category \mathcal{K} is a fibration iff the canonical morphism $c : A \rightarrow B/f$ has a right adjoint in \mathcal{K}/B . The canonical morphism is constructed by universal property of B/f as below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\quad c \quad} & A \\
 \downarrow f & \nearrow \pi_1 & \downarrow f \\
 B/f & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & A \\
 & \nearrow \lambda & \\
 & B &
 \end{array}$$

Having a right adjoint in \mathcal{K}/B boils down to having a right adjoint r in \mathcal{K} such that $fr = \pi_1$, and the unit and counit project to identities, i.e., $f \circ_0 \eta = id_B$ and $\pi_1 \circ_0 \varepsilon = id_B$.

So let us consider any $f: A \rightarrow B$ in **R****LPCAT** which is a fibration in **CAT**. By Proposition 2, the comma category B/f in **CAT** is also a comma object in **R****LPCAT**, so the canonical morphism c is again in **R****LPCAT**. It remains to prove that the right adjoint r is a right adjoint in **R****LPCAT**/ B , which is all trivial.

Proof (Proposition 13). The codomain functor $cod: \mathbf{DFib} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ is an opfibration, with opcartesian lifting given by the comprehensive factorisation system [31]. However, cod is not an opfibration in **R****LPCAT**. Indeed, let us consider the 2-cell below left.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{DFib} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathbf{DFib} \\
 \downarrow ! & \nearrow ! & \downarrow cod \\
 1 & \xrightarrow[1]{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \emptyset \longrightarrow 1 \xleftarrow[s]{\Downarrow} \square \xrightarrow[t]{\quad} \square
 \end{array}$$

Its opcartesian lifting in **CAT** maps any discrete fibration $p: E \rightarrow B$ to the unique functor $\pi_0(E) \rightarrow 1$, where $\pi_0(E)$ denotes the set of connected components of E , viewed as a discrete category. Continuity of this functor is equivalent to continuity of $\pi_0: \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, which does not hold. Indeed, e.g., it does not preserve the equaliser above right.

We then work towards proving Proposition 14. We start with a characterisation of relative opfibrations.

Proposition 21. *Let us consider any $p: E \rightarrow B$ and $\alpha: u \rightarrow v: P \rightarrow B$ in any 2-category \mathcal{K} , such that the pullback $P \times_B E$ exists. Then, p is an opfibration relative to α iff*

- $\alpha \circ_0 \pi_1$ has an opcartesian lifting $\bar{\alpha}$ along π_2 , as below, and furthermore
- opcartesianness of $\bar{\alpha}$ is preserved under precomposition by arbitrary 1-cells.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P \times_B E & \xrightarrow{\quad \text{dashed} \quad} & E \\
 \downarrow \pi_1 & \nearrow \pi_2 & \downarrow p \\
 P & \xrightarrow[v]{\quad} & B \\
 \downarrow u & \nearrow \alpha & \downarrow p \\
 B & &
 \end{array}$$

Proof. The “only if” direction is clear. For the “if” part, for any q and x as below,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad m \quad} & P \times_B E & \xrightarrow{\quad \alpha_!(\pi_2) \quad} & E \\
 q \curvearrowleft & & \downarrow \pi_1 & \nearrow \bar{\alpha} & \\
 & & P & \xrightarrow{\quad v \quad} & B \\
 x \curvearrowleft & & \downarrow p & \nearrow \alpha & \\
 & & & u &
 \end{array}$$

we find $m: X \rightarrow P \times_B P$ by universal property of pullback, and $\bar{\alpha} \circ_0 m$ is opcartesian by construction. \square

Let us now give a few results for constructing relative opfibrations in **RLPCAT**. We start with a sufficient condition (Corollary 1), which relies on the following lemma.

Lemma 3. *For any opfibration p in **CAT**, p -opcartesian 2-cells are pointwise, in the sense that a natural transformation is opcartesian iff all of its components are.*

Proof. Let us consider an opfibration p in **CAT**. Opfibrations in **CAT** are Grothendieck opfibrations. Thus, given an opcartesian 2-cell $\alpha: u \rightarrow v: X \rightarrow E$, for any $x \in X$, the whiskering $\alpha \circ_0 x$ is again opcartesian for $p^1: E^1 \rightarrow B^1$, hence opcartesian for p . Conversely, if α is pointwise opcartesian, then it is easy to show that possesses the 2-categorical opcartesianness property: for any lifting problem, we infer the components of a candidate mediating transformation, which is natural by uniqueness. \square

Corollary 1. *Given $p: E \rightarrow B$ and α in **RLPCAT** as below*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 P \times_B E & \xrightarrow{\quad \text{--- --- --- ---} \quad} & E & \xrightarrow{\quad \alpha_!(\pi_2) \quad} & \\
 \downarrow \pi_1 & \nearrow \pi_2 & & & \\
 P & \xrightarrow{\quad v \quad} & B & \xrightarrow{\quad p \quad} &
 \end{array}$$

*such that the pullback $P \times_B E$ in **CAT** is created by the forgetful functor **RLPCAT** \rightarrow **CAT**. Then, p is an opfibration relative to α in **RLPCAT** if*

- it is an opfibration in **CAT**, and furthermore
- the opcartesian lifting $\alpha_!(\pi_2)$ above is continuous.

Proof. The opcartesian lifting being continuous entails that it is opcartesian in **RLPCAT**, hence we conclude by Proposition 21, using Lemma 3. \square

We may now prove Proposition 14.

Proof (Proposition 14). We apply Corollary 1. That the codomain functor $\mathcal{R} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} \mathbf{C}$ is an opfibration in \mathbf{CAT} is well-known and easy. That the composition functor is continuous follows readily from the well-known fact that the forgetful functor $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^2$ creates limits, or otherwise said that the right-hand class of any strong factorisation on a complete category is closed under pointwise limits. \square

Proof (Proposition 15). Things follow easily up to \mathbf{NatMod} . Let us now deal with dependent products. We first add up the morphisms λ and Π , and then incorporate the pullback condition. For adding the desired morphisms, we first consider the reindexing the forgetful functor \mathbf{U} , along the needed composite, as below left,

where, at any natural model $(\mathbb{C}, \text{ty}, \text{tm}, \text{proj}, \text{var})$ with $\text{proj} + \text{var}$,

- \mathbf{ctx} returns \mathbb{C} ,
- \mathbf{ty} returns ty ,
- \mathbf{ext} returns the composite $\text{ty} \xrightarrow{\text{var}} \text{tm} \xrightarrow{\pi^{\text{tm}}} \mathbb{C}$.

We check that the involved functors are right adjoints: \mathbf{ctx} is the composite

$$\mathbf{NatMod} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat},$$

while \mathbf{ty} is the composite

$$\mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2 \xrightarrow{\text{cod}_v} \mathbf{DFib} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \mathbf{Cat}.$$

We then preindex the result along the projection $\pi^{\text{ty}}: \text{ty} \rightarrow \mathbf{ctx}$, as above right, by virtue of (2)(left). Indeed, the front face above right forms a cone over $\mathbf{DFib} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \mathbf{Cat} \xleftarrow{\text{cod}} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$. This gives us a functor $A := \pi_!^{\text{ty}} \mathbf{ext}^*(\mathbf{U}): \mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$ in \mathbf{RLPCAT} . Pairing this with \mathbf{U} over \mathbf{Cat} , we obtain a functor

$$\langle A, \mathbf{U} \rangle: \mathbf{NatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2},$$

which we take as our arity. Finally, we pull this back along the restriction functor $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{2 \times \partial}: \mathbf{DFib}_v^\square = \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}$, so that an object of the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbf{NatMod}_{\Pi}^0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square} \\
\downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2 \times \theta} \\
\mathbf{NatMod} & \xrightarrow{\langle A, U \rangle} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2}
\end{array}$$

is precisely a natural model equipped with morphisms λ and Π making the desired square commute.

It remains to incorporate the condition that the given squares are pullbacks. For this, our arity is the functor $\mathbf{NatMod}_{\Pi}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square}$ just constructed, which we pullback along the full subcategory embedding $\mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square \text{lim}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square}$ of Example 6. \square

Proof (Proposition 16). The first point is easy. For the pullback case, creation of flexible limits entails creation of all bilimits. Indeed, creation of pseudo-limits entails creation of all bilimits by Proposition 6.1 of [25], and furthermore creation of flexible limits entails creation of pseudo-limits by Theorem 1.25 of [4]. Furthermore, by Joyal and Street [21, Corollary 1], any pullback along an isofibration in a 2-category is in fact a bipullback, hence any such pullback is created by the forgetful functor.

Finally, the result about transfinite cocomposition essentially follows from [6, Proposition A.3(1)].

A.2 Proofs for §3

Proof (Proposition 19).

We first add up the morphisms λ_{μ} and Π_{μ} , and then incorporate the pullback condition.

Notation 4. We consider the forgetful functor $\mathbf{MNatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}_{\mathbf{DFib}_v^2}^{\mathbf{M}^{\text{coop}}}$ as an implicit coercion, so that $\mathbf{U}_m: \mathbf{MNatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$ actually denotes the composite

$$\mathbf{MNatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}_{\mathbf{DFib}_v^2}^{\mathbf{M}^{\text{coop}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{U}_m} \mathbf{DFib}_v^2.$$

As before, we proceed by reindexing \mathbf{U}_m , but this time along the needed composite, as below left,

and then opreindexing the result above right. This gives us a functor $A_\mu := (\pi^{ty_n})_!(ev_\mu \text{ext}_n)^*(\mathbf{U}_m) : \mathbf{MNatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^2$ in **RPCAT**. Pairing this with \mathbf{U}_n over **Cat**, we obtain a functor

$$\langle A_\mu, \mathbf{U}_n \rangle : \mathbf{MNatMod} \rightarrow \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2},$$

which we take as our arity. We then take the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{MNatMod}_\Pi^\mu & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{\square_{\lim}} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{MNatMod} & \xrightarrow{\langle A_\mu, \mathbf{U}_n \rangle} & \mathbf{DFib}_v^{2+2} \end{array}$$

whose objects are precisely a multimodal natural models equipped with morphisms λ_μ and Π_μ making the desired square commute. As previously, we collect all such squares by raising the arity type to the power of $\text{mor}(\mathbb{M})$ and tupling all arities.

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B Semantics of Uemura's logical framework

In this section, we present a model of Uemura's logical framework that allows to interpret a SOGAT as its locally presentable category of models. The main ingredient to interpret the logical framework is a *generalised CwF* in **RPCAT/Cat**. We present it in §B.2, and we later enrich it with a class of small types in §B.3, dependent products with small domains in §B.4, and extensional identity types in §B.5. In §B.6, we explain how to account for the empty context in type theories specified by SOGATs. Let us start, in §B.1, with providing an alternative indexed notion of natural models in order to avoid the coherence probleme when interpreting the logical framework.

B.1 Indexed natural models

The definition of natural models that we used so far would not be able to account for strict associativity of substitution. Essentially, this is the standard issue preventing a direct interpretation of dependent type theories in locally cartesian closed categories: the codomain fibration is not split. Therefore, in this section, we work with an alternative description where we work with presheaves rather than discrete fibrations.

Notation 5. Let \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow denote the total category $\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}$ of presheaves over small categories; we denote by $dfib$ the functor $\mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}^2$ mapping a presheaf to its associated discrete fibration. This is in **RPCAT** by the results of §C, in particular Corollary 3. The induced functors dom and cod from \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow to **Cat** mapping a presheaf to its category of elements and its base category are respectively denoted by dom and cod .

Let $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow}$ denote the category of presheaves such that the associated discrete fibration has a right adjoint var , defined as below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}^{\text{adj}} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow[d\text{fib}]{} & \mathbf{Cat}^2 \end{array}$$

Let $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow}$ denotes the category of presheaves F equipped with a section $1 \rightarrow F$, formally defined as the pullback below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2 \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\text{dom}} \\ \mathbf{Cat} & \xrightarrow[\mathbf{Cat}/1]{} & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set} \end{array}$$

where $\mathbf{Cat}/1$ is the right adjoint to the projection $\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$, mapping a category to the terminal presheaf over it. We get the projection to $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$ as the composition $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\text{cod}}} \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set} = \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$.

Given any formal sequence of potentially dashed our double-headed arrows $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$, we define $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow}$ by suitable iterated pullbacks of \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} , $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow}$, and $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow}$. For example, $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow}$ is the pullback of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightsquigarrow} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} \mathbf{Cat} \xleftarrow{\text{dom}} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$. It is the category of (indexed) natural models: objects consists of a presheaf ty and a presheaf tm over fty such that $\mathit{ftm} \rightarrow \mathit{fty}$ has a right adjoint var .

B.2 Structural rules

The main result that allows us to give semantics to the core structure of Uemura's logical framework is the following.

Proposition 22. *The functors $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$, with their codomain projections to \mathbf{Cat} , defines a split generalised category with families (Definition 11) in the slice 2-category $\mathbf{RLPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$ in the following sense:*

- the projections $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$ and $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$ are split fibrations internal to $\mathbf{RLPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$;
- the projection functor $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\dots\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$ preserves (chosen) cartesian 2-cells and has a right adjoint R over \mathbf{Cat} ;
- the unit and counit are cartesian (in the split cleavage) and vertical with respect to the projections to \mathbf{Cat} ;
- \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} has a terminal object in $\mathbf{RLPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$, in the sense that $\text{cod}: \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ has a right adjoint over \mathbf{Cat} .

Proof. First, all the involved functors are right adjoints:

- the left adjoint to $\text{cod} : \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ maps a category to the empty presheaf 0 over it;
- the left adjoint to $\pi_2 : \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ maps a presheaf $C^{op} \xrightarrow{X} \mathbf{Set}$ to $(X, 0)$;
- the left adjoint to the projection $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ maps (X, Y) to $(X, Y + 1)$.

The projections $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ and $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ are split fibrations in \mathbf{CAT} , so they are in \mathbf{RLPCAT} . Then, it is easy to check that a fibration in a 2-category is also a fibration in any slice 2-category, so that we indeed have a fibration in $\mathbf{RLPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$. The right adjoint to the projection functor $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ maps a pair of presheaves $(C^{op} \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{Set}, \oint A^{op} \xrightarrow{B} \mathbf{Set})$ to $(C^{op} \xrightarrow{X} \mathbf{Set}, \oint B'^{op} \cong \oint B^{op} \rightarrow \oint A^{op} \xrightarrow{B} \mathbf{Set})$, where B' is the image of B by the equivalence $[\oint A^{op}, \mathbf{Set}] \simeq [C^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]/A$, that is, B' maps c to $\sum_{a \in A(c)} B(a)$. It is straightforward to check that the unit and counit are cartesian and vertical.

Finally, the terminal object in \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow is given by the terminal presheaf 1 over the terminal category 1,

The right adjoint $\mathbf{Cat}/1 : \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ of the last item maps any category to the terminal presheaf over it.

In the following, by cartesian 2-cell with respect to a split fibration, we always mean a 2-cell that is in the split cleavage, which makes the following result trivial.

Lemma 4. *Given a split fibration $p : E \rightarrow B$, two cartesian 2-cells sharing the same 1-cell as codomain are equal if and only if their whiskering by p are equal.*

Definition 12. *We denote the composition $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{R} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ by \mathbf{P}° : it maps $(C^{op} \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{Set}, \oint A^{op} \xrightarrow{B} \mathbf{Set})$ to the presheaf on C mapping c to $\sum_{a \in A(c)} B(a)$.*

Lemma 5. *The following triangle commutes up to isomorphism.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}^\circ} & \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \\ & \searrow \cong \quad \downarrow \text{dom} & \\ & \text{dom} & \mathbf{Cat} \end{array}$$

With this structure, we are already able to interpret all the structural rules of Uemura's logical framework, potentially involving large types: we list below the interpretation of the judgements, and of the structural rules. Note that the semantics takes place in $\mathbf{RLPCAT}/\mathbf{Cat}$: the 1-cells are required to commute strictly with the projection to \mathbf{Cat} , and any 2-cell must be vertical with respect to these projections (that is, whiskering it with the projection must yield the identity natural transformation).

Semantics of judgements We list below the interpretation of judgements in **RLPCAT/Cat**: 1-cells must commute with the projections to **Cat**, and 2-cells must be vertical with respect to those projections.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Sigma \vdash \text{sig} \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow{\bar{\Sigma}} \mathbf{Cat}}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{ctx} \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow} \\
 \hline
 \frac{}{\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \\
 \frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : \square \quad \begin{array}{c} A \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \pi_2 \\ \Sigma \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \end{array}}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \\
 \hline
 \frac{(\text{given } \Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : \square) \quad \begin{array}{c} a \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \Sigma \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \end{array}}{\Sigma \vdash \sigma : \Sigma' \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow[\sigma]{\text{isofibration}} \Sigma'} \\
 \hline
 \frac{}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \gamma : \Delta \quad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \\ \Downarrow \gamma \\ \Delta \end{array} \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow}
 \end{array}$$

Semantics of structural rules We list the interpretation of the main structural rules in **RLPCAT/Cat**. Some of them slightly differ from Uemura's syntactic presentation. Indeed, we are focusing on presenting a semantics for the logical framework rather than an interpretation of the raw syntax and typing rules. Of course, the former entails the latter via the initiality property of the syntactic model [33,12,32].

For legibility, we adopt a named convention for variables in the rules, and weakenings are implicit: for example, we write the first variable of a context extended by A as $x : A$ instead of $x : A[p_A]$ where p_A is the weakening substitution.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{() \vdash \text{sig} \quad \mathbf{Cat} \xrightarrow{id} \mathbf{Cat}}{\Sigma \vdash \text{sig} \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow{\bar{\Sigma}} \mathbf{Cat} \quad \Sigma \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Cat}/1} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow} \\
 \hline
 \frac{\Sigma \mid () \vdash \text{ctx}}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : \square \quad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma, x \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \varepsilon \\ \Sigma \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \end{array}} \\
 \hline
 \frac{\color{red} p_A = \Sigma \xrightarrow{A} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{P}^\circ \\ \Downarrow \varepsilon \\ \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{P}^\circ \\ \Downarrow \varepsilon \\ \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \end{array}}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash p_A : \Gamma \quad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma, x \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \pi_2 \\ \Gamma \end{array}}
 \end{array}$$

$\frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{ctx}}{\Sigma, \alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \square \mid \Gamma \vdash \textcolor{red}{\alpha} : \square}$	
$\frac{\Sigma' \vdash \sigma : \Sigma \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash t : A}{\Sigma' \mid \Gamma[\sigma] \vdash t[\sigma] : A[\sigma]}$	
$\frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : \square \quad \Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \gamma : \Gamma}{\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash A[\gamma] : \square}$	
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$\frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \gamma : \Gamma}{\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash t[\gamma] : A[\gamma]}$	
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$\frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : \square}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash \textcolor{red}{x} : A}$	

$$\Sigma \vdash () : () \quad () = \Sigma \xrightarrow[\Gamma]{} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} \begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \eta \\ \downarrow \end{array} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$$

$\Sigma \vdash \gamma : \Delta$
 $\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash A$
 $\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash s : A[\gamma]$

$$\Sigma \vdash (\gamma, s) : (\Delta, x : A)$$

We can then recover the following rules from Uemura's original presentation of the logical framework.

$$\frac{(\alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \square) \in \Sigma \quad \Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \gamma : \Gamma}{\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \alpha(\gamma) : \square} \quad \frac{(\alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow A) \in \Sigma \quad \Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \gamma : \Gamma}{\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \alpha(\gamma) : A[\gamma]}$$

Let us indeed focus on the first rule (the second is similar). The premise $(\alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \square) \in \Sigma$ entails that we have a weakening substitution w from Σ to some prefix $\Sigma', \alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \square$ of Σ . Then we get:

$$\frac{\Sigma', \alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \square \mid \Gamma \vdash \alpha : \square \quad \Sigma \vdash w : \Sigma'}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \alpha[w] : \square} \quad \frac{\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \gamma : \Gamma}{\Sigma \mid \Delta \vdash \alpha[w][\gamma] : \square}$$

Infinite SOGATs Note that Uemura allows a SOGAT Σ to consist of an infinite well-ordered set of declaration of variables. This can be accounted by taking the limit of all the the prefixes of Σ , interpreted as locally presentable categories, with projections between them (which are all isofibrations, as can be seen below from the definitions of SOGAT extensions by pullbacks), thanks to closure of **IRLPCAT** under limits of cochains (see Proposition 16).

B.3 Small types

In this section we describe the structure that takes small types into account.

Proposition 23. *The functor $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ over \mathbf{Cat} defines a class of small types in the generalised CwF $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$, in the following sense:*

- The functor $\pi_2 : \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$ is a (split) fibration in **RLPCAT/Cat**;
- $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ preserves (chosen) cartesian 2-cells.

Remark 12. Note that the functor $\pi_2 : \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ is not a fibration in **RLPCAT**.

We can then interpret the judgements and rules for the kind $*$ of small types, which are analogous to those for \square except that we need to replace $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ with $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ in the right places. For example $\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : *$ denotes a (right adjoint) functor A from Σ to $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ compatible with $\Gamma : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$. Moreover, there is an obvious coercion from $A : *$ to $A : \square$ obtained by postcomposing with the canonical projection $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$, accounting for the following rule

$$\frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : *}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : \square}$$

B.4 Dependent product

Proposition 24. *The generalised CwF $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ with class of small types $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ has dependent products with small domain in the sense that there are functors λ and Π making the following below left square a pullback, and making the right below square commute,*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \\ \lambda \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \Pi & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\ \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \end{array},$$

where

- $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ is the category consisting of natural models ($C^{op} \xrightarrow{ty} \mathbf{Set}$, $\int ty^{op} \xrightarrow{tm} \mathbf{Set}$) with a presheaf over $\int tm'$, where $tm' : C^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ maps c to $\sum_{A \in ty(c)} tm(c, A)$;
- $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ is the same but equipped with a section of this presheaf.

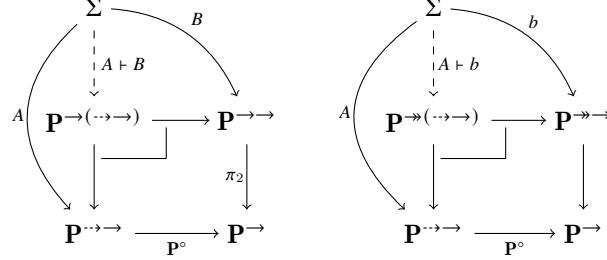
Both are formally defined by the pullbacks below.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{23}} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \\ \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow P^\circ \\ \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow \end{array}$$

Notation 6. Given outer commutative squares as below, summarised by the following judgements (the gray parts are implicit in the diagrams), we denote

the mediating morphisms to the pullbacks by $A \vdash B$ and $A \vdash b$.

$$\Sigma | \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \square \quad \Sigma | \Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B$$



Remark 13. This is similar to the notion of dependent product type for the generalised CwF $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$ in the sense of Coraglia and Di Liberti [10, Definition 3.5.1], except that the domain is restricted to small types.

When working with objects of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$, we sometimes omit the isomorphism $\int tm' \cong \int tm$ when it plays no particular role, that is, we work as if it were an identity.

Remark 14. The bracketing in the notation $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ or $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ is here to distinguish the definitions from the *unbiased* one where the domain of the top presheaf is directly over the category of elements of tm . The unbiased category is actually isomorphic to the biased one.

Before proving Proposition 24, we show how it allows us to interpret the dependent product of the logical framework.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : * \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \square}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash (x : A) \rightarrow B : \square} \\
 \frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : * \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \lambda(x : A).b : (x : A) \rightarrow B} \\
 \hline
 \frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : * \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \square}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash (x : A) \rightarrow B : \square} \quad \frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : * \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \lambda(x : A).b : (x : A) \rightarrow B} \\
 \frac{}{(x : A) \rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\lambda x.b}{\lambda} \\
 \hline
 \frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : * \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \square \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash b : (x : A) \rightarrow B}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash \text{app}(b) : B} \\
 \frac{}{A \vdash B} \quad \frac{}{A \vdash b} \quad \frac{}{B} \\
 \frac{}{P^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \quad \frac{}{P^{\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \quad \frac{}{P^{\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \\
 \hline
 \frac{}{P^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \quad \frac{}{P^{\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \quad \frac{}{P^{\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow}}
 \end{array}$$

We then recover the usual application rule as follows:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash A : * \\ \Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \square \\ \Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash b : (x : A) \rightarrow B \end{array}}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma, x : A \vdash \text{app}(b) : B}$$

$$\frac{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash id_{\Gamma} : \Gamma \quad \Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash (id_{\Gamma}, a) : (\Gamma, x : A)}$$

$$\Sigma \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{app}(b)[id_{\Gamma}, a] : B[id_{\Gamma}, a]$$

The rest of this section is devoted to the proof of Proposition 24. Let us detail the functors $\Pi: \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ and $\lambda: \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ that we are going to build formally. Given $ty: C^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, $tm: \oint ty^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, $X: \oint tm'^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, the image by Π is a functor $\oint ty \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ mapping a type A in context Γ to $Y(\Gamma, A) = X(\Gamma.A, A, v_0)$. Given the same data and an additional section $s_x \in \text{hom}(1, X)$, the image by λ is a section s_Y mapping (Γ, A) to $x(\Gamma.A, A, v_0)$. Let us now build these functors formally.

Building the functor Π The crucial observation is that $(\Gamma.A, A, v_0)$ is the image of (Γ, A) by the right adjoint $var: \oint ty \rightarrow \oint tm$, so that $\Pi(ty, tm, X) = X \circ var$.

Remark 15. It follows from Uemura [34, Proposition 3.21] that the projection $\oint \Pi(ty, tm, X) \rightarrow \oint ty$ is the pushforward of $\oint X \rightarrow \oint tm$ along $\oint tm \rightarrow \oint ty$ in the category of discrete fibrations over the base category.

Formally, Π is defined by lifting the bottom composite of 2-cells in the following diagram, exploiting the split fibration $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{cod} \mathbf{Cat}$, where the natural isomorphism follows from Lemma 5.

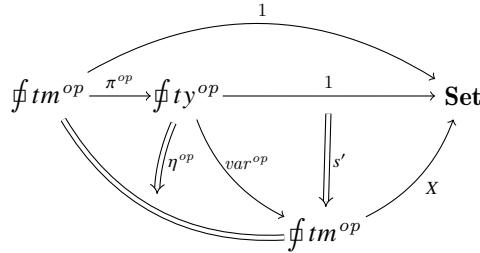
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \Pi & & \\
 & \nearrow \pi_{1(23)} & \downarrow \eta & \searrow \pi_1 & \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} \\
 \pi_{23} \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_2 & & \downarrow cod \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{P^\circ} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{dom} & \mathbf{Cat} \\
 & \searrow \pi_1 & \nearrow \cong & \nearrow dom & \\
 & & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{var} &
 \end{array}$$

Building the functor λ We directly build an isomorphism between $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ and the pullback Q of Π along $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ that is compatible with the projection $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$.

On objects Objects of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ and Q share the following components:

- a presheaf ty ;
 - a presheaf tm over $\oint ty$;
 - a presheaf over $\oint tm'$, or equivalently, a presheaf X over $\oint tm$;
 - a right adjoint $var: \oint ty \rightarrow \oint tm$ to the canonical projection.

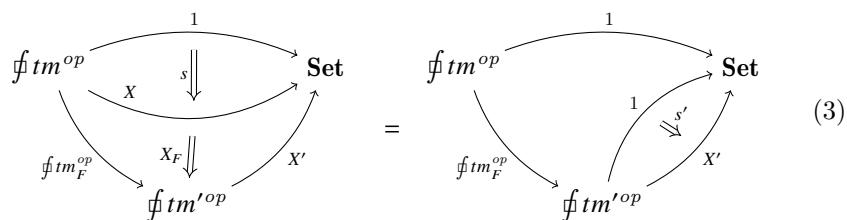
On top of that, an object of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$ includes a section $s: 1 \rightarrow X$, while an object of Q includes a section $s': 1 \rightarrow X \circ var^{op}$. Clearly, from s we can define s' as $s \circ var^{op}$. Conversely, from s' we define s by the diagram below. This defines a bijection, by the mate correspondance.



On morphisms Given objects (ty, tm, X, var, s) and (ty', tm', X', var', s') of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow(\rightarrow\rightarrow)}$, a morphism between them and a morphism between their image by the object bijection share the following components:

- a functor F between the base categories;
 - a natural transformation $tyF: ty \rightarrow ty' \circ F^{op}$;
 - a natural transformation $tmF: tm \rightarrow tm' \circ \oint ty_F^{op}$;
 - a natural transformation $XF: X \rightarrow X' \circ \oint tm_F^{op}$.

The difference is that a morphism in $\mathbf{P}^{\Rightarrow(\dashrightarrow)}$ requires compatibility with the sections s and s' as in (3), while a morphism in $\mathbf{P}^{\Rightarrow\Rightarrow}$ between their image requires compatibility with the sections $s \cdot \text{var}^{op}$ and $s \cdot \text{var}'^{op}$, which is (3) but pre-whiskered by $\text{fty}^{op} \xrightarrow{\text{var}^{op}} \text{ftm}^{op}$.



The following lemma ensures that we indeed have a bijection.

Lemma 6. Equation (3) is satisfied if and only if it pre-whiskering by $\mathfrak{f} \varinjlim^{\text{op}}$ is.

Proof. The only if part is clear. Conversely, it must be that the following equation holds, since the blue part does, as the pre-whiskered equation.

We conclude by the fact that $1 \cdot \eta^{op}$ is the identity natural transformation.

B.5 Extensional identity types

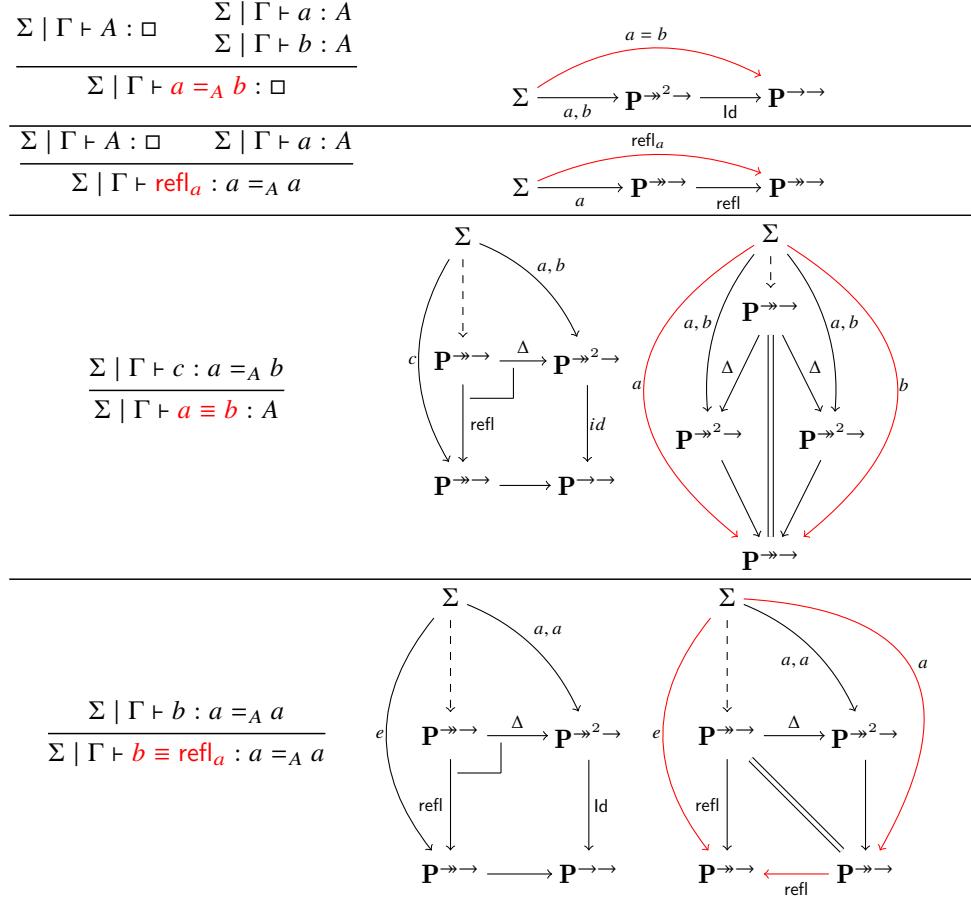
Proposition 25. *The generalised CwF $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow$ has extensional identity type [10, Definition 3.6.1] in the sense that there are functors Id and refl making the below triangle commutes and the below left square a pullback, where $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow^2\rightarrow}$ is defined by the below right pullback.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow^2\rightarrow} \\
 \text{refl} \downarrow & \text{Id} \downarrow & \downarrow \pi_2 \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^\rightarrow
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow^2\rightarrow} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}
 \end{array}$$

Notation 7. *Given an outer commutative square as below, summarised by the following judgements, we denote the mediating morphism to the pullback by a, b .*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Sigma | \Gamma \vdash b : A \\
 \Sigma - \dashv \dashv \xrightarrow{a, b} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow^2\rightarrow} \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \\
 \Sigma | \Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}
 \end{array}$$

Before proving Proposition 25, we show how it allows us to interpret the identity type of the logical framework.



The rest of this section is devoted to the proof of Proposition 25. Informally, the functor Id maps a presheaf A , a presheaf B over $\mathcal{P}^f A$ and two sections $s, s': 1 \rightarrow B$ to the equaliser E of s, s' . More explicitly, $E(c)$ is 1 if $x_c = x_{c'}$, or the empty set otherwise. The functor refl maps a presheaf A , a presheaf B over $\mathcal{P}^f A$ and a section $s: 1 \rightarrow B$ to the unique section (which is the identity morphism) of the terminal presheaf 1 over $\mathcal{P}^f A$.

Let us now build these functors formally.

Building the functor Id We construct Id by universal property of the pullback defining $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ in **RLPCAT** as below, where the blue arrow is defined in the top

diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \times_{\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\rightrightarrows} & & \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow \text{Id} & \downarrow \text{equaliser} & & \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set} & & \\
 \downarrow \pi_2 & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{dom} & & \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} & \mathbf{Cat} \\
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \times_{\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}} \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & & \\
 \downarrow \pi_1 & \swarrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow & & \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} & & \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow} & & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\rightrightarrows} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2 \\
 \downarrow & \curvearrowleft & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\text{dom},\text{cod}} \\
 \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\rightrightarrows} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2 & & \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow & & \\
 \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\text{dom},\text{cod}}} & (\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set})^2 & &
 \end{array}$$

The equaliser functor maps two parallel natural transformations to their equalisers. It is right adjoint to the functor $\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^!} \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\rightrightarrows}$ and is thus in **RLPCAT**.

Building the functor refl Similarly to what we did for the λ functor of the dependent product in §B.4, we directly build an isomorphism between $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ and the pullback Q of Id along $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow}$.

On objects Objects of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ and Q share the following components:

- a presheaf A ;
- a presheaf B over $\mathcal{F}\text{ty}$;
- a section $s: 1 \rightarrow B$.

An object of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$ does not have more components, while an object of Q includes another section $s': 1 \rightarrow B$ as well as a section $s'': 1 \rightarrow E$ of the equaliser E of s, s' . By composing it with the equaliser map $E \hookrightarrow 1$, we conclude that s must be equal to s' , so that $E = 1$ and s'' is the identity map. As a consequence, the two classes of objects are in bijective correspondance.

On morphisms Given objects (A, B, s) and (A', B', s') of $\mathbf{P}^{\rightarrow\rightarrow}$, a morphism between them consists of the following components:

- a functor F between the base categories;
- a natural transformation $A_F: A \rightarrow A' \circ F^{op}$;

- a natural transformation $B_F: B \rightarrow B' \circ \text{f}ty_F^{op}$;
- compatible with the sections, in the sense that $B_F \circ s = s' \cdot \text{f}A_F^{op}$.

It is straightforward to check that a morphism in Q between their images is determined by the same data.

B.6 The empty context in type theories specified by SOGATs

Our semantics of SOGATs does not guarantee the existence of a terminal object in the base category. For example, the SOGAT $ty : \square, tm : ty \rightarrow *$ is interpreted as the category of natural models, without further enforcing the existence of the empty context. This is easy to fix: given a SOGAT Σ , we can simply consider the pullback of $\Sigma \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat} \leftarrow \mathbf{Cat}_1$ to recover the desired category of models.

C Diagram category

In this subsection, we show that **RLPCAT** is closed under a particular case of the Grothendieck construction, namely the functor mapping any small category \mathbb{C} to the hom-category $[\mathbb{C}, \mathbf{E}]$, for some fixed $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbf{RLPCAT}$. We also prove that ‘‘change-of-base’’ functors $[\mathbb{C}, \mathbf{E}] \rightarrow [\mathbb{D}, \mathbf{E}']$ live in **(I)RLPCAT** when the underlying functor $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}'$ does. This is used in §B.

Definition 13. For any category \mathbf{E} , we denote by \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{E} the category with

- as objects pairs of a small category \mathbb{C} and a functor $X: \mathbb{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$, and
- as morphisms $(\mathbb{C}, X) \rightarrow (\mathbb{D}, Y)$ all functors $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ equipped with a natural transformation α as below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^{op} & \xrightarrow{F^{op}} & \mathbb{D}^{op} \\ & \searrow X \quad \curvearrowright \alpha \quad \swarrow Y & \\ & \mathbf{E} & \end{array}$$

Proposition 26. For any locally presentable category \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{E} is locally presentable.

Furthermore, for any functor $F: \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}'$, the postcomposition functor

$$\mathbf{Cat}/F: \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{E}'$$

- (a) is a right adjoint when F is one, and
- (b) is an isofibration when F is one.

Corollary 2. For any small category \mathbb{C} , the canonical functor $\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set})^{\mathbb{C}}$ is in **RLPCAT**.

Proof. By universal property of $(\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set})^{\mathbb{C}}$ and Proposition 2, it suffices to show that each projection functor $\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}$ is in **RLPCAT**, which follows from Proposition 26 with $F: 1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ picking the corresponding object.

Example 11. Let us consider the refinement

$$\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{cod} : \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}.$$

An object in $\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^2$ consists of a small category \mathbb{C} equipped with a natural transformation $p: X \rightarrow Y$ in $[\mathbb{C}^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$. And the forgetful functor maps this to the pair (\mathbb{C}, Y) . Pulling back along this functor can be thought of as the refinement “adding a set X with projection to Y , all indexed over \mathbb{C} ”.

Corollary 3. *For any small \mathbb{C} , all functors below*

$$\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set})^{\mathbb{C}} \simeq \mathbf{DFib}^{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow ([2, \mathbf{Cat}])^{\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{dom^{\mathbb{C}}, cod^{\mathbb{C}}} \mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbb{C}}$$

*live in **R**LPCAT.*

Remark 16. Taking the composite with $\mathbb{C} = 1$ yields the Grothendieck construction functor $f: \mathbf{Cat}/\mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$.

Notation 8. We call $f^{\mathbb{C}}$ the composite with dom , and $dom^{\mathbb{C}}$ the one with cod (because it takes pairs (\mathbb{C}, F) with $F \in [\mathbb{C}^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$ to \mathbb{C}).

D Restricting along an injective-on-object functor

This section is devoted to the proof of the following statement, used in §A.
AL: En fait c'est un cas particulier pullback-power axiom bien connu que vérifie les catégories Cat-enrichies comme cat (cf par exemple Lack's homotopy theoretical aspects of 2-monads), en prenant l'un des objets implique comme l'objet terminal. Evidemment le théorème ci-dessous est plus général, mais cette généralisation n'est pas forcément utile. Dans le cas CAT, c'est aussi énoncé dans "pullbacks equivalent to pseudopullbacks", THm 2

Theorem 9. *Let V be a symmetric closed monoidal category, $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ a V -functor injective on objects, and \mathbf{E} be a V -category. Then, the restriction functor $F^*: V\text{-Cat}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbf{E}) \rightarrow V\text{-Cat}(\mathbb{C}, \mathbf{E})$ is an isofibration.*

This is a direct consequence of the following result, taking the right functor to be the identity functor on \mathbf{E} .

Proposition 27. *Let V be a symmetric closed monoidal category, and consider a V -natural isomorphism α as below left such that the left functor is injective on objects and the right functor is an equivalence, i.e., a fully faithful V -functor essentially surjective on objects. Then, there exists a diagonal V -functor as below right such that*

- The top triangle commutes strictly;
- the bottom triangle commutes up to a natural isomorphism;
- the pasting of the two triangles yields α .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{G} & \mathbf{E} \\
 F \downarrow & \alpha \cong & \downarrow U \\
 \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{V} & \mathbf{B}
 \end{array} = \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{G} & \mathbf{E} \\
 F \downarrow & \nearrow K & \cong \downarrow U \\
 \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{V} & \mathbf{B}
 \end{array}$$

Proof. For each object d of \mathbb{D} , we define the object Kd of \mathbf{E} as Gc if $d = Fc$ for some object c of \mathbb{C} , and as some preimage $U^{-1}Vd$ of Vd by the (surjective) V -functor U otherwise. Then, for each object d , we have a V -natural isomorphism $\beta_d: \mathbf{E}(Kd, -) \cong \mathbf{B}(Vd, U-)$, in the sense of [5, Proposition 6.2.8]. Indeed,

- in the first case, $\mathbf{E}(Kd, -) = \mathbf{B}(Gc, -) \cong \mathbf{B}(UGc, U-) \cong \mathbf{B}(VFc, U-)$, where the first isomorphism comes from the fact that U is fully faithful;
- in the second case, $\mathbf{E}(Kd, -) \cong \mathbf{B}(UKd, U-) \cong \mathbf{B}(Vd, U-)$ where the first isomorphism comes again from the fact that U is fully faithful, and the second one from the definition of d .

By Kelly [23, §1.10], there exists a unique V -functor $K: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ such that the above isomorphisms are natural in d .

Let us show that the upper triangle commutes strictly. On objects, it is by definition. On morphisms, we show that the top and left morphisms below from $\mathbb{C}(c, c')$ to $\mathbf{E}(Gc, Gc')$ are equal, when post-composed with the same isomorphisms, with references to Kelly [23] for the commutation of the subdiagrams.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{C}(c, c') & \xrightarrow{G} & \mathbf{E}(Gc, Gc') & & \\
 \downarrow F & & \downarrow U & & \\
 \mathbb{D}(Fc, Fc') & \xrightarrow[V]{\quad} & \mathbf{B}(VFc, VFc') & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}(UGc, UGc') \\
 \downarrow K & & \downarrow & & \downarrow D(\alpha_c, UGc') \\
 & & [\mathbf{B}(VFc', UGc'), \mathbf{B}(VFc, UGc')] & \xrightarrow[B(VFc, \alpha_{c'})]{\quad} & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & [I, \mathbf{B}(VFc, UGc')] & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\quad} & \mathbf{B}(VFc, UGc') \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 \mathbf{E}(Gc, Gc') & \xrightarrow[U]{\quad} & \mathbf{B}(UGc, UGc') & \xrightarrow[D(\alpha_c, UGc')]{\quad} & \mathbf{B}(VFc, UGc')
 \end{array}$$

(1.39) (1.49) (1.47)

We now show that the lower triangle commutes up to isomorphism. First we build a V -natural transformation $I \rightarrow \mathbf{B}(Vd, UKd)$ as $I \xrightarrow{id_{Kd}} \mathbf{E}(Kd, Kd) \cong \mathbf{B}(Vd, UKd)$ by applying the extra-variable form of the weak Yoneda lemma [23, §1.9] to $\mathbf{E}(Kd, -) \cong \mathbf{B}(Vd, U-)$. This is actually a pointwise isomorphism: when $d = Fc$, then we get

$$I \rightarrow \mathbf{E}(Kd, Kd) \xrightarrow{U} \mathbf{B}(UKd, UKd) = \mathbf{B}(UGc, UKd) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}(\alpha_c, UKd)} \mathbf{B}(VFc, UKd) \quad (4)$$

otherwise we get

$$I \rightarrow \mathbf{E}(Kd, Kd) \xrightarrow{U} \mathbf{B}(UKd, UKd) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}(\cong, UKd)} \mathbf{B}(Vd, UKd).$$

In both cases, the first two morphisms yield the identity V -morphism $I \rightarrow \mathbf{B}(UKd, UKd)$. Since we compose it with a V -isomorphism in both case, we get an isomorphism.

Finally, the diagram below shows that whiskering this isomorphism yields α , where the top-right branch accounts for the the isomorphism by (4), with references to Kelly [23] for the commutation of the subdiagrams.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& I \xrightarrow{id} \mathbf{B}(UGc, UGc) & & & \\
& \downarrow \cong & & & \\
& \mathbf{B}(UGc, UGc) \otimes I & & & \\
& \downarrow \mathbf{B}(UGc, UGc) \otimes \alpha_c & & & \\
& \mathbf{B}(UGc, UGc) \otimes \mathbf{B}(VFc, UGc) & & & \\
& \downarrow \circ & & & \\
& \mathbf{B}(VFc, UGc) & & &
\end{array}$$

(1.4) (1.31) $\mathbf{B}(\alpha_c, UGc)$

E Summary of the constructions in RLP_{CAT}

In this section we list all the constructions we have used in the main body of the paper.

E.1 Base cases

The categories **Set** and **Cat** are locally presentable. Moreover, any representable functor from a locally presentable category to **Set** is right adjoint.

E.2 1-dimensional cotensoring

Construction 1. Input A locally presentable category \mathbb{C} and a small category \mathbf{D} .

Output A locally presentable category $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}}$.

Explicit description The category $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}}$ is the category of functors from \mathbf{D} to \mathbb{C} .

The output category $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}}$ has a universal property that enables the following construction.

Construction 2. Input A functor from a small category \mathbf{D} to $\mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C})$;

Output A right adjoint functor from \mathbb{B} to $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}}$.

Moreover we have the following property.

Proposition 28. Consider the right adjoint $G^F : \mathbb{B}^{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}}$ induced by a functor $F : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ between small categories and a right adjoint $G : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by Construction 2. If F is injective-on-object and G is an isofibration, then so is G^F .

We also have the limiting cotensoring.

Construction 3. Input A small category \mathbf{D} and a locally presentable category \mathbb{C} ;

Output A fully faithful embedding isofibrant functor $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}_{\perp, \text{lim}}} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}_{\perp}}$ in \mathbf{RLPCAT} .

Explicit description This is the full subcategory of limiting cones in \mathbb{C} for a diagram of shape \mathbf{D} .

E.3 2-dimensional cotensoring

Construction 4. Input A small 2-category \mathbf{D} .

Output A locally presentable category $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbf{D}}$.

Explicit description The category $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbf{D}}$ is the category of 2-functors from \mathbf{D} to \mathbf{Cat} and strict 2-natural transformations between them.

The category $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbf{D}}$ has a universal property that enables the following construction.

Construction 5. Input A 2-functor $\mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbb{B}, \mathbf{Cat})$, where the 2-cells of $\mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbb{B}, \mathbf{Cat})$ are the modifications;

Output A right adjoint functor from \mathbb{B} to $\mathbf{Cat}^{\mathbf{D}}$.

Proposition 29. Consider the right adjoint $\mathbb{C}^F : \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{D}}$ induced by a functor $F : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ between small categories by Construction 5. If F is injective-on-object, then \mathbb{C}^F is an isofibration.

E.4 Pullback

Construction 6. **Input** A span $\mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbf{D} \xleftarrow{G} \mathbf{E}$ in **R****LPCAT** where G is an isofibration;

Output A cospan $\mathbf{C} \xleftarrow{p_C} \mathbf{C} \times_{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{E} \xrightarrow{p_E} \mathbf{E}$ that induces a pullback both in **CAT** and and **R****LPCAT**, and such that p_C is an isofibration;

The pullback property enables the following construction.

Construction 7. **Input** A commutative square in **R****LPCAT** where the right arrow is an isofibration;

Output A right adjoint to the pullback making the triangles commutes as below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{B} & & \\ \searrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ & \mathbf{C} \times_{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E} & \downarrow \\ \swarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{D} \end{array}$$

E.5 Fibrations

The fact that the forgetful 2-functor **R****LPCAT** \rightarrow **CAT** creates fibrations enables the following construction.

Construction 8. **Input** A natural transformation as below left, such that all the functors are right adjoints, and the right functor is moreover a fibration;

Output A right adjoint and natural transformation as below right, in red, such that the triangle below right commutes and the two induced natural transformations below left and right are equal.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{red} & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

E.6 Right orthogonal class (derived)

This construction is derived from the previous ones. We present it because it is involved in the next one.

Construction 9. **Input** A set of morphisms J in some locally presentable category \mathbb{C} .

Output A full subcategory embedding $J^\perp \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ in **IR****LPCAT**

Explicit description The category J^\perp is the full subcategory of \mathbb{C}^2 spanned by morphisms having the right lifting property with respect to morphisms in J .

This is defined as the following pullback, where \mathbb{I} denotes the walking isomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J^\perp & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{I} \times J} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C}^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Set}^{2 \times J} \end{array}$$

The right functor is an isofibration by Proposition 29, and the bottom functor is defined from Construction 2 by the family of 2-cells below, inducing a functor from $J \times 2$ to $\mathbf{RLPCAT}(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbf{Set})$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} a & & \xrightarrow{y_j} & & a \dashrightarrow^j b \\ \downarrow j \in J & \mathbb{C}^2 & \Downarrow y_{y_j} & & j \downarrow \gamma_j \\ b & & \xrightarrow{y_{id_b}} & & b = = = = b \end{array}$$

E.7 Relative opfibrations for orthogonal classes

Construction 10. Input A set of morphisms J in some locally presentable category \mathbb{C} , and a natural transformation as below left, such that all the functors are right adjoints.

Output A right adjoint and natural transformation as below right, in red, such that the square below right commutes and the two induced natural transformations below left and right are equal.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & J^\perp \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow cod \\ J^\perp & \xrightarrow{\quad dom \quad} & \mathbb{C} \end{array} \quad = \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad \text{red} \quad} & J^\perp \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow cod \\ J^\perp & \xrightarrow{\quad cod \quad} & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$