

# Cocartesian fibrations between Segal spaces of spans

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## Introduction

The aim of this work is to provide a new proof of a theorem of Barwick [2], which provides sufficient conditions for a functor of quasicategories  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  to yield a cocartesian fibration between categories of spans  $\text{Span}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ .

Barwick’s proof is explicit, constructing horn fillings by enumerating the necessary simplices, and arguing one-by-one why each filling is possible. This is an impressive feat of simplicial combinatorics, but provides little intuition for why the result might be true.

Our proof is more homotopy-theoretic in character, relying on the fact that for any quasicategory  $\mathcal{C}$  with pullbacks, the infinity-category of spans in  $\mathcal{C}$  has a natural incarnation as a complete Segal space  $\mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C})$ ; the quasicategory  $\mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C})$  is then the ‘first row’ of this complete Segal space. We first define a notion of cocartesian fibration between complete Segal spaces, and show that any such cocartesian fibration gives a cocartesian fibration between first rows. The readily available homotopical data in complete Segal spaces allow us to define cocartesian morphisms purely via a condition on 2-simplices, where the combinatorics of horn filling in categories of spans is more manageable.

Our definition of a cocartesian fibration between Segal spaces is not new, although the form in which it is presented is original. The definition was first written down by De Brito in [3], and expanded by Rasekh in [7]. There, Rasekh defines a model structure whose fibrant objects model cocartesian fibrations between Segal spaces. In defining this model structure, it is necessary to distinguish certain morphisms, and Rasekh solves this problem by adding an extra simplicial dimension; the model structure for cocartesian fibrations defined there is thus a model structure on slice categories of trisimplicial sets.

In this work we restrict our attention to cocartesian fibrations between complete Segal spaces. This allows us to approach the problem of controlling cocartesian morphisms differently, by introducing a marking. This method is much closer to that used to work with cocartesian fibrations in [6], and has the advantage that many of the results proved there can be leveraged in explicit calculations. In particular, we provide a definition of a cocartesian fibration between complete Segal spaces to which Rasekh’s definition reduces in the case that both the domain and codomain are complete Segal spaces.

This work consists of two sections. [Section 1](#), we explore cocartesian fibrations between Segal spaces. After a review in [Section 1.1](#) of some material in [1], most notably the box product  $-\square-$  and its adjoints, we define marked bisimplicial sets in [Section 1.2](#). We then define a marked version of the box functor, and show that some results analogous to the unmarked case hold. In [Section 1.3](#), we prove some technical lemmas about simplicial sets with certain restrictions on individual morphisms. The main result is a lemma which allows us to translate a condition on marked bisimplicial sets for a ‘pointwise condition’ involving unmarked bisimplicial sets.

In [Section 1.4](#), we define the notion of a cocartesian morphism via a condition on left horn filling of 2-simplices, and define a cocartesian fibration between complete Segal spaces to be a Reedy fibration admitting cocartesian lifts. We show that this implies all higher left horn filling conditions, and use this to show that any cocartesian fibration between complete segal spaces yields a cocartesian

fibration (in the sense of quasicategories) between first rows.

# 1 Cocartesian fibrations between Segal spaces

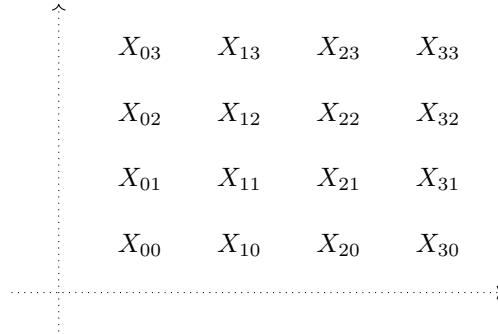
## 1.1 A review of bisimplicial sets

In this section we review the basic theory of bisimplicial sets as laid out in [1]. This is mainly to fix notation.

Bisimplicial sets can be defined in two equivalent ways:

- As functors  $\Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}_\Delta$
- As functors  $(\Delta^{\text{op}})^2 \rightarrow \text{Set}$ .

In the former case, we think of a bisimplicial set  $X$  as an  $\mathbb{N}$ -indexed collection of simplicial sets  $X_n$ ; in the latter, we think of a bisimplicial set as an  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ -indexed collection of sets  $X_{mn}$ . Both points of view are useful, and we will rely on both of them. For this reason, we fix the following convention: with the second point of view in mind, we imagine a bisimplicial set  $X$  as a collection of sets, each located at an integer lattice point of the first quadrant, where the first coordinate increases in the  $x$ -direction and the second coordinate increases in the  $y$ -direction.



Thus, the  $n$ th row of  $X$  is the simplicial set  $X_{\bullet, n}$ , and the  $m$ th column of  $X$  is the simplicial set  $X_{m, \bullet}$ . When we think of bisimplicial sets as  $\mathbb{N}$ -indexed collections of simplicial sets  $X_m$ , we mean by  $X_m$  the  $m$ th *column* of  $X$ ; that is,  $X_m = X_{m, \bullet}$ .

If  $X$  is Reedy fibrant, then each simplicial set  $X_n$  is a Kan complex. Later, when we are interested in Segal spaces, we will interpret  $X_n$  as the space of  $n$ -simplices of  $X$ .

**Definition 1.1.1.** Define a functor  $-\square- : \text{Set}_\Delta \times \text{Set}_\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}_{\Delta^2}$  by the formula

$$(X, Y) \mapsto X \square Y, \quad (X \square Y)_{mn} = X_m \times Y_n.$$

We will call this functor the **box product**.

**Example 1.1.2.** By the Yoneda lemma, maps  $\Delta^m \square \Delta^n \rightarrow X$  are the same as elements of  $X_{mn}$ .

**Definition 1.1.3.** Let  $A$  denote a simplicial set, and  $X$  a bisimplicial set.

- Define a simplicial set  $A \setminus X$  level-wise by

$$(A \setminus X)_n = \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(A \square \Delta^n, X).$$

- Define a simplicial set  $X/A$  level-wise by

$$(X/A)_n = \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(\Delta^n \square A, X).$$

Note that by [Example 1.1.2](#), the simplicial set  $\Delta^m \setminus X$  is the  $m$ th column of  $X$ , which we have agreed to call  $X_m$ . Similarly, the simplicial set  $X/\Delta^n$  is the  $n$ th row of  $X$ . In particular  $X/\Delta^0$  is the zeroth row of  $X$ . (This, confusingly, is usually called the *first row* of  $X$ ; this terminological inconsistency is somewhat justified by the fact that, unlike the columns, one tends to be interested mainly in the zeroth row.)

We provide here a partial proof of the following result because we will need to refer to it later.

**Proposition 1.1.4.** The box product is *divisible on the left*. This means that for each simplicial set  $A$ , there is an adjunction

$$A \square - : \text{Set}_\Delta \longleftrightarrow \text{Set}_{\Delta^2} : A \setminus -.$$

Similarly, the box product is *divisible on the right*. This means that for each simplicial set  $B$  there is an adjunction

$$-\square B : \text{Set}_\Delta \longleftrightarrow \text{Set}_{\Delta^2} : -/B.$$

*Proof.* We prove divisibility on the left; because the Cartesian product is symmetric, divisibility on the right is identical. We do this by explicitly exhibiting a natural bijection

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(A \square B, X) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(B, A \setminus X).$$

Define a map

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(A \square B, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(B, A \setminus X)$$

by sending a map  $f : A \square B \rightarrow X$  to the map  $\tilde{f} : B \rightarrow A \setminus X$  which sends an  $n$ -simplex  $b \in B_n$  to the composition

$$A \square \Delta^n \xrightarrow{(\text{id}, b)} A \square B \xrightarrow{f} X.$$

Before we define our map in the other direction, we need an intermediate result. Define a map  $\text{ev}: A \square (A \setminus X) \rightarrow X$  level-wise by taking  $(a, \sigma) \in A_m \times (A \setminus X)_n$  to

$$\sigma_{mn}(a, \text{id}_{\Delta^n}) \in X_{mn}.$$

Then define a map

$$\Psi: \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta}}(B, A \setminus X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(A \square B, X)$$

sending a map  $g: B \rightarrow A \setminus X$  to the composition

$$A \square B \xrightarrow{(\text{id}, g)} A \square (A \setminus X) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} X.$$

The maps  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are mutually inverse, and provide the necessary natural bijection.

The other bijection is defined analogously, so we only fix notation which we will need later. We will call the mutually inverse maps

$$\Phi': \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(A \square B, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta}}(A, X/B)$$

and

$$\Psi': \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta}}(A, X/B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(A \square B, X),$$

where in defining  $\Psi'$  we use a map  $\text{ev}': (X/B) \square B \rightarrow X$  sending

$$(\phi: \Delta^m \square B \rightarrow X, b \in B_n) \mapsto \phi_{mn}(\text{id}_{\Delta^m}, b). \quad \square$$

[Proposition 1.1.4](#), together with the fact that  $\text{Set}_{\Delta}$  and  $\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}$  are finitely complete and cocomplete, implies all of the results of [Appendix A.1](#) apply to the box product. In the notation found there, we can give a compact formulation of the definition of a Reedy fibration which we will use repeatedly.

**Definition 1.1.5.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a map between bisimplicial sets. The map  $f$  is a **Reedy fibration** if either of the following equivalent conditions hold.

- For each monomorphism  $u: A \rightarrow A'$ , the map  $\langle u \setminus f \rangle$  is a Kan fibration.
- For each anodyne map  $v: B \rightarrow B'$ , the map  $\langle f / v \rangle$  is a trivial Kan fibration.

(For the notation  $\langle u \setminus f \rangle$  see [Appendix A.1](#).) That [Definition 1.1.5](#) is equivalent to the usual definition is shown in [1, Prop. 3.4]. We will also make use of the following fact ([1, Prop. 3.10]).

**Theorem 1.1.6.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, then for any monomorphism of simplicial sets  $v$ , the map  $\langle f / v \rangle$  is an inner fibration.

**Corollary 1.1.7.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, then  $f/\Delta^0: X/\Delta^0 \rightarrow Y/\Delta^0$  is an inner fibration between quasicategories.

## 1.2 Marked bisimplicial sets

In this section, we define the basic theory of marked bisimplicial sets. In the following, one should keep in mind that the case in we are mostly interested is when our bisimplicial spaces are Segal spaces, and thus that only first (horizontal) simplicial direction should be thought of as categorical. For this reason, only the first simplicial direction will carry a marking.

**Definition 1.2.1.** A *marked bisimplicial set*  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  is a bisimplicial set  $X$  together with a distinguished subset  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq X_{10}$  containing all degenerate edges, i.e. all edges in the image of  $s_0: X_{00} \rightarrow X_{10}$ . Equivalently, a marked bisimplicial set is bisimplicial set  $X$  together with a marking  $\mathcal{E}$  on the simplicial set  $X/\Delta^0$ .

**Definition 1.2.2.** For a marked simplicial set  $A$  and an unmarked simplicial set  $B$ , define a marking on the bisimplicial set  $A \square B$  as follows: a simplex  $(a, b) \in A_1 \times B_0$  is marked if and only if  $a$  is marked in  $A$ .

This construction gives us a functor

$$-\square -: \text{Set}_{\Delta}^+ \times \text{Set}_{\Delta} \rightarrow \text{Set}_{\Delta^2}^+.$$

There is a potential source of confusion here: we are using the same notation for the marked and unmarked box constructions. However, there is no real ambiguity: when we write  $A \square B$ , we mean the marked construction if  $A$  is a marked simplicial set and the unmarked construction if  $A$  is an unmarked simplicial set.

Our first order of business is to generalize the results of [1] summarized in Section A.1 to the marked case. We will first show that the above functor is divisible on the left and on the right.

*Notation 1.2.3.* For any marked simplicial set  $A$ , denote the underlying unmarked simplicial set by  $\mathring{A}$ . Similarly, for any marked bisimplicial set  $X$ , denote the underlying unmarked bisimplicial set by  $\mathring{X}$ .

**Definition 1.2.4.** Let  $A$  denote a marked simplicial set,  $B$  an unmarked simplicial set, and  $X$  a marked bisimplicial set.

- Define an unmarked simplicial set  $A \setminus X$  level-wise by

$$(A \setminus X)_n = \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}^+}(A \square \Delta^n, X).$$

- Define a marked simplicial set  $X/B$  as follows. The underlying simplicial set is the same as  $\mathring{X}/B$ , and a 1-simplex  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow X/B$  is marked if and only if the corresponding map  $\Delta^1 \square B \rightarrow \mathring{X}$  of unmarked bisimplicial sets descends to a map of marked bisimplicial sets  $(\Delta^1)^{\#} \square B \rightarrow X$ .

Again, we are overloading notation, so there is the potential for confusion. However, there is no real ambiguity; the symbol  $A \setminus X$  means the marked construction if  $A$  and  $X$  are marked, and the unmarked construction if  $A$  and  $X$  are

unmarked. We have tried to be clear in stating whether (bi)simplicial sets do or do not carry markings.

**Example 1.2.5.** Recall that we can think of a marked bisimplicial set  $X$  as an unmarked bisimplicial set  $\mathring{X}$  together with a marking  $\mathcal{E}$  on the simplicial set  $\mathring{X}/\Delta^0$ . The marking  $\mathcal{E}$  agrees with the marking on  $X/\Delta^0$ .

We will need the following analogs of the  $\flat$ - and  $\sharp$ -markings for marked simplicial sets.

**Example 1.2.6.** For any unmarked bisimplicial set  $X$ , we have the following canonical markings.

- The *sharp marking*  $X^\sharp$ , in which each element of  $X_{10}$  is marked.
- The *flat marking*  $X^\flat$ , in which only the edges in the image of  $s_0: X_{00} \rightarrow X_{10}$  are marked.

**Example 1.2.7.** For each unmarked simplicial set  $A$  and marked bisimplicial set  $X$ , there is an isomorphism

$$A^\flat \backslash X \cong A \backslash \mathring{X}.$$

Similarly, for any unmarked bisimplicial set  $Y$  and marked simplicial set  $B$ , there is an isomorphism

$$B \backslash Y^\sharp \cong \mathring{B} \backslash Y.$$

The marked constructions above have similar properties to the unmarked constructions from [Section 1.1](#). In particular, we have the following.

**Proposition 1.2.8.** We have the following adjunctions.

1. For each marked simplicial set  $A \in \text{Set}_\Delta^+$  there is an adjunction.

$$A \square -: \text{Set}_\Delta \longleftrightarrow \text{Set}_{\Delta^2}^+ : A \backslash -$$

2. For each unmarked simplicial set  $B \in \text{Set}_\Delta$  there is an adjunction.

$$-\square B: \text{Set}_\Delta^+ \longleftrightarrow \text{Set}_{\Delta^2}^+ : -/B.$$

*Proof.* We start with the first, fixing a marked simplicial set  $A$ , an unmarked simplicial set  $B$ , and a marked bisimplicial set  $X$ . We have inclusions

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}^+}(A \square B, X) \stackrel{i_0}{\subseteq} \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(\mathring{A} \square B, \mathring{X})$$

and

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(B, A \backslash X) \stackrel{i_1}{\subseteq} \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(B, \mathring{A} \backslash \mathring{X}).$$

We have a natural bijection between the right-hand sides of the above inclusions given by the maps  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  of [Proposition 1.1.4](#). To show that there is a natural bijection between the subsets, it suffices to show that  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  restrict to maps between the subsets.

To this end, suppose we have a map of bimerked simplicial sets  $f: A \square B \rightarrow X$ . The inclusion  $i_0$  forgets the markings, sending this to the map

$$\mathring{f}: \mathring{A} \square B \rightarrow \mathring{X}.$$

Under  $\Phi$ , this is taken to a map  $\Phi(\mathring{f}): B \rightarrow \mathring{A} \setminus \mathring{X}$ . We would like to show that  $\Phi(\mathring{f})$  factors through  $A \setminus X$ , giving a map  $\tilde{f}: B \rightarrow A \setminus X$ . The map  $\Phi(\mathring{f})$  takes an  $n$ -simplex  $b \in B_n$  to the composition

$$\mathring{A} \square \Delta^n \xrightarrow{(\text{id}, b)} \mathring{A} \square B \xrightarrow{\mathring{f}} \mathring{X}.$$

We need to check that this is an  $n$ -simplex in  $A \setminus X$ , and not just  $\mathring{A} \setminus \mathring{X}$ , i.e. that it respects the markings on  $A \square \Delta^n$  and  $X$ . That  $(\text{id}, b)$  respects the markings on  $A \square \Delta^n$  and  $A \square B$  is clear, and  $\mathring{f}$  respects the markings on  $A \square B$  and  $X$  because  $f$  is a map of marked simplicial sets by assumption. Thus  $\Phi(\mathring{f})$  restricts to a map  $\tilde{f}: B \rightarrow A \setminus X$ .

Now we show the other direction. Suppose we have a map  $g: B \rightarrow A \setminus X$ . The inclusion  $i_1$  takes this to the composition

$$B \xrightarrow{g} A \setminus X \hookrightarrow A^b \setminus X \cong \mathring{A} \setminus \mathring{X},$$

which we denote by  $\mathring{g}$  by mild abuse of notation. Under  $\Psi$ , this is mapped to the composition

$$\Psi(\mathring{g}): \mathring{A} \square B \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \mathring{g}} \mathring{A} \square (\mathring{A} \setminus \mathring{X}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} \mathring{X}.$$

We need to check that this respects the markings on  $A \square B$  and  $X$ , i.e. that for each marked simplex  $a \in A_1$  and each  $b \in B_0$ , the element  $\Psi(\mathring{g})_{10}(a, b)$  is marked in  $X_{10}$ . But  $\Psi(\mathring{g})_{10}(a, b) = g(b)_{10}(a, \text{id}_{\Delta^0})$ , which is marked because  $g$  lands in  $A \setminus X$  by assumption. Thus,  $\Psi(\mathring{g})$  descends to a map  $\tilde{g}: A \square B \rightarrow X$ .

Now we show the other bijection. Unlike the unmarked case, because of the asymmetry of the marked box product, this is not precisely the same as what we have just shown. Again we have inclusions

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}^+}(A \square B, X) \xrightarrow{j_0} \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta^2}}(\mathring{A} \square B, \mathring{X})$$

and

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta}^+}(A, B \setminus X) \xrightarrow{j_1} \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_{\Delta}}(\mathring{A}, B \setminus \mathring{X}),$$

and a bijection between the right-hand sides given by the maps  $\Phi'$  and  $\Psi'$  from



**Proposition 1.1.4.** As before, suppose that

$$f: A \square B \rightarrow X$$

is a map of marked bisimplicial sets. Under  $j_0$ , this is sent to  $\mathring{f}: \mathring{A} \square B \rightarrow \mathring{X}$ . Then  $\Phi'(f): A \rightarrow X/B$  is defined by sending  $\sigma \in A_n$  to the composition

$$\Delta^n \square B \xrightarrow{(\sigma, \text{id})} \mathring{A} \square B \xrightarrow{\mathring{f}} \mathring{X}.$$

We need to show that for each marked  $a \in A_1$ , the corresponding map

$$\Phi'(f)(a): \Delta^1 \square B \xrightarrow{(a, \text{id})} \mathring{A} \square B \xrightarrow{\mathring{f}} \mathring{X}$$

descends to a map of marked bisimplicial sets  $\tilde{f}: (\Delta^1)^\# \square B \rightarrow X$ , and thus corresponds a marked 1-simplex in to  $X/B$ . But that the first map has this property is clear because  $a$  is marked by assumption, and the map  $\mathring{f}$  has this property because  $f$  is a map of marked simplicial sets by assumption.

Now, let  $g: A \rightarrow X/B$  be a map of marked simplicial sets. We need to check that the composition

$$\Psi(\mathring{g}): \mathring{A} \square B \xrightarrow{(\mathring{g}, \text{id})} (\mathring{X}/B) \square B \xrightarrow{\text{ev}'} \mathring{X}$$

takes marked edges to marked edges. Let  $(a, b) \in A_1 \times B_0$ , with  $a$  marked. This maps to

$$(a, b) \mapsto (g(a), b) \mapsto g(a)_{10}(\text{id}_{\Delta^1}, b) \in X_{10}.$$

By definition,  $g(a)$  is a map of marked simplicial sets

$$(\Delta^1)^\# \square B \rightarrow X$$

which therefore sends  $(\text{id}_{\Delta^1}, b)$  to a marked edge in  $X$  by assumption.  $\square$

This shows that the marked version of the box product  $\square$  is, in the language of [1], *divisible on the left and on the right*. Thus, the results summarized in Section A.1 apply.

We will call an inclusion of unmarked simplicial sets  $B \hookrightarrow B'$  *full* if it has the following property: an  $n$ -simplex  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow B'$  factors through  $B$  if and only if each vertex of  $\sigma$  factors through  $B$ . That is, any  $n$ -simplex in  $B'$  whose vertices belong to  $B$  belongs to  $B$ .

**Lemma 1.2.9.** For any marked simplicial set  $A$  and Reedy-fibrant marked bisimplicial set  $X$ , the simplicial set  $A \setminus X$  is a Kan complex, and the inclusion  $i: A \setminus X \hookrightarrow A^b \setminus X \cong A \setminus \mathring{X}$  is full.

*Proof.* We first show that the map  $i$  is a full inclusion. The  $n$ -simplices of  $A \setminus X$  are maps of marked simplicial sets  $\tilde{\sigma}: A \square \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ . A map of underlying

bisimplicial sets gives a map of marked bisimplicial sets if and only if it respects the markings, i.e. if and only if for each  $(a, i) \in A_1 \times (\Delta^n)_0$  with  $a$  marked,  $\tilde{\sigma}(a, i)$  is marked in  $X$ . This is equivalent to demanding that  $\sigma|_{\Delta^{\{i\}}}$  belong to  $A \setminus X$ .

To show that  $A \setminus X$  is a Kan complex, we need to find dashed lifts

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_k^n & \longrightarrow & A \setminus X \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \\ \Delta^n & & \end{array}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n.$$

For  $n = 1$ , the horn inclusion is of the form  $\Delta^0 \hookrightarrow \Delta^1$ , and we can take the lift to be degenerate. For  $n \geq 2$ , we can augment our diagram as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Lambda_k^n & \longrightarrow & A \setminus X & \longrightarrow & A^b \setminus X \\ \downarrow & & & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \\ \Delta^n & & & & \end{array}.$$

Since  $A^b \setminus X$  is a Kan complex, we can always find such a dashed lift. The inclusion  $\Lambda_k^n \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$  is surjective on vertices, so our lift factors through  $A \setminus X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.2.10.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  be a marked bisimplicial set. We will say that  $\mathcal{E}$  *respects path components* if it has the following property: for any map  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow X_1$  representing an edge  $e \rightarrow e'$  between morphisms  $e$  and  $e'$ , the morphism  $e$  is marked if and only if the morphism  $e'$  is marked.

**Proposition 1.2.11.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between marked bisimplicial sets such that the marking on  $X$  respects path components, and let  $u: A \rightarrow A'$  be a morphism of marked simplicial sets whose underlying morphism of unmarked simplicial sets is a monomorphism. Then the map  $\langle u \setminus f \rangle$  is a Kan fibration.

*Proof.* We need to show that for each  $n \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq k \leq n$  we can solve the lifting problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_k^n & \longrightarrow & A' \setminus X \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \langle u \setminus f \rangle \\ \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & A \setminus X \times_{A' \setminus Y} A' \setminus Y \end{array}.$$

First assume that  $n \geq 2$ . We can augment the above square as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Lambda_k^n & \longrightarrow & A' \setminus X & \longrightarrow & A^b \setminus X & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & A \setminus X \times_{A' \setminus Y} A' \setminus Y & \longrightarrow & A^b \setminus X \times_{(A')^b \setminus Y} (A')^b \setminus X & & \end{array}.$$

Since the map on the right is a Kan fibration, we can solve the outer lifting

problem. All the vertices of  $\Delta^n$  belong to  $\Lambda_k^n$ , so a lift of the outside square factors through  $A' \setminus X$ .

Now take  $n = 1$ ,  $k = 0$ , so our horn inclusion is  $\Delta^{\{0\}} \hookrightarrow \Delta^1$ . By [Proposition A.1.2](#), the lifting problem we need to solve is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & X/\Delta^1 \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ A' & \longrightarrow & X/\Delta^0 \times_{Y/\Delta^0} Y/\Delta^1 \end{array} .$$

Because  $f$  is a Reedy fibration, the underlying diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathring{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathring{X}/\Delta^1 \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ \mathring{A}' & \longrightarrow & \mathring{X}/\Delta^0 \times_{\mathring{Y}/\Delta^0} \mathring{Y}/\Delta^1 \end{array} .$$

of unmarked simplicial sets always admits a lift. It therefore suffices to check that any such lift respects the marking on  $X$ . To see this, consider the following triangle formed by some dashed lift.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathring{X}/\Delta^1 \\ & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ \mathring{A}' & & \mathring{X}/\Delta^0 \\ & \searrow & \end{array}$$

Let  $a \in A'_1$  be a marked 1-simplex, and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^1 \square \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{(a, \text{id})} & \mathring{A}' \square \Delta^0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^1 \square \Delta^1 & \xrightarrow{(a, \text{id})} & \mathring{A}' \square \Delta^1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \gamma \\ \searrow \text{dashed } \ell \end{array} \mathring{X} ,$$

where the triangle on the right is the adjunct to the triangle above. In order to check that the dashed lift respects the marking on  $X$ , we have to show that for each  $(a, b) \in (A' \square \Delta^1)_{10} = A'_1 \times \{0, 1\}$  with  $a$  marked, the element  $\ell(a, b) \in X_{10}$  is marked. Because the map  $\gamma$  comes from a map of marked simplicial sets, the commutativity of the triangle guarantees this for  $b = 0$ . The map  $\Delta^1 \square \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathring{X}$  gives us a 1-simplex  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow X_1$  representing a 1-simplex  $\ell(a, 0) \rightarrow \ell(a, 1)$ , which implies by that  $\ell(a, 1)$  is also marked because each marking respects path components.

The case  $n = 1$ ,  $k = 1$  is identical. □

### 1.3 Simplicial technology

In the next section, we will need to work in several different cases with simplicial subsets  $A \subseteq \Delta^n$  with certain conditions placed on the edge  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$ . In this section we prove some technical results in this direction. The main result in this section is [Lemma 1.3.5](#).

For the remainder of this section, fix  $n \geq 2$ .

**Definition 1.3.1.** Let  $X$  be an unmarked bisimplicial set, and let  $e \in X_{10}$ . For any simplicial subset  $A \subseteq \Delta^n$  such that  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \subseteq A$ , we will use the notation

$$(A \setminus X)^e = A \setminus X \times_{\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \setminus X} \{e\}.$$

The simplicial set  $(A \setminus X)^e$  should be thought of as the space of  $A$ -shaped diagrams in  $X$  with the edge  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$  fixed. The  $m$ -simplices of the simplicial set  $(A \setminus X)^e$  are maps  $A \square \Delta^m \rightarrow X$  such that the pullback

$$\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \square \Delta^m \longrightarrow A \square \Delta^m \longrightarrow X$$

factors through the map  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \square \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$  corresponding to the element  $e \in X_{10}$  under the Yoneda embedding.

Comparing simplices level-wise, it is easy to see the following.

**Lemma 1.3.2.** The square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^n \setminus X)^e & \longrightarrow & \Delta^n \setminus X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Delta^n \setminus Y)^{f(e)} \times_{(A \setminus Y)^{f(e)}} (A \setminus X)^e & \longrightarrow & \Delta^n \setminus Y \times_{A \setminus Y} A \setminus X \end{array}$$

is a (strict) pullback.

**Definition 1.3.3.** For any simplicial subset  $A \subseteq \Delta^n$  containing  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$ , denote the marking on  $A$  where the only marked nondegenerate edge is  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$  by  $\mathcal{L}$ , and the corresponding marked simplicial set by  $A^{\mathcal{L}}$ .

Again, comparing simplices level-wise shows the following.

**Lemma 1.3.4.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a map of marked bisimplicial sets, and let  $A \subseteq \Delta^n$  be a simplicial subset with  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \subseteq A$ . Then for any marked edge  $e \in X_{10}$ , the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^n \setminus \overset{\circ}{X})^e & \longrightarrow & (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Delta^n \setminus \overset{\circ}{Y})^{f(e)} \times_{(A \setminus \overset{\circ}{Y})^{f(e)}} (A \setminus \overset{\circ}{X})^e & \longrightarrow & (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus Y \times_{A^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus Y} A^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus X \end{array}$$

is a (strict) pullback.

**Lemma 1.3.5.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between marked bisimplicial sets, and let  $i: A \subseteq \Delta^n$  be a simplicial subset containing  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$ . The following are equivalent:

1. The map

$$\langle i^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash f \rangle: (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash X \rightarrow (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash Y \times_{A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash Y} A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash X$$

is a trivial fibration.

2. For each marked  $e \in X_{10}$ , the map

$$p_e: (\Delta^n \backslash \overset{\circ}{X})^e \rightarrow (\Delta^n \backslash \overset{\circ}{Y})^{f(e)} \times_{(A \backslash \overset{\circ}{Y})^{f(e)}} (A \backslash \overset{\circ}{X})^e$$

is a trivial fibration.

*Proof.* Suppose the first holds. Then Lemma 1.3.4 implies the second.

Next, suppose that the second holds. By Proposition 1.2.11, the map  $\langle i^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash f \rangle$  is a Kan fibration, so it is a trivial Kan fibration if and only if its fibers are contractible. Consider any map

$$\gamma: \Delta^0 \rightarrow (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash Y \times_{A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash Y} A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash X.$$

This gives us in particular a map  $\Delta^0 \rightarrow A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash X$ , which is adjunct to a map  $A^{\mathcal{L}} \square \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$ . The pullback

$$(\Delta^{\{0,1\}})^{\#} \square \Delta^0 \longrightarrow A^{\mathcal{L}} \square \Delta^0 \longrightarrow X$$

gives us a marked morphism  $e \in X_{10}$ . The bottom composition in the below diagram is thus a factorization of  $\gamma$ , in which the left-hand square is a pullback.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F & \longrightarrow & (\Delta^n \backslash \overset{\circ}{X})^e & \longrightarrow & (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p_e & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^0 & \longrightarrow & (\Delta^n \backslash \overset{\circ}{Y})^{f(e)} \times_{(A \backslash \overset{\circ}{Y})^{f(e)}} (A \backslash \overset{\circ}{X})^e & \longrightarrow & (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash Y \times_{A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash Y} A^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash X \end{array}$$

The right-hand square is a pullback by Lemma 1.3.4. Since by assumption  $p_e$  is a trivial fibration,  $F$  is contractible. But by the pasting lemma,  $F$  is the fiber of  $\langle i^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash f \rangle$  over  $\gamma$ . Thus, the fibers of  $\langle i^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash f \rangle$  are contractible, so  $\langle i^{\mathcal{L}} \backslash f \rangle$  is a trivial Kan fibration.  $\square$

## 1.4 Cocartesian fibrations

Let  $\pi: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an inner fibration between quasicategories. A morphism  $e \in \mathcal{C}_1$  is  $\pi$ -cocartesian if and only if, for all  $n \geq 2$ , a dashed lift in the below

diagram exists.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\Delta^{\{0,1\}} & & \\
\downarrow & \searrow e & \\
\Lambda_0^n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C} \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \pi \\
\Delta^n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D}
\end{array}$$

We would like to find an analogous definition for a  $p$ -cocartesian morphism where  $p: C \rightarrow D$  is a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces. Our definition should have the property that if a morphism in  $C_{10}$  is  $p$ -cocartesian in the sense of Segal spaces, then it is  $p/\Delta^0$ -cocartesian in the sense of quasicategories.

To this end, replace  $\pi$  in the above diagram by  $p/\Delta^0$ . Passing to the adjoint lifting problem, we see that the existence of the above lift is equivalent to demanding that the map

$$p_e: (\Delta^n \setminus C)^e \rightarrow (\Lambda_0^n \setminus C)^e \times_{(\Lambda_0^n \setminus D)^{p(e)}} (\Delta^n \setminus D)^{p(e)} \quad (1)$$

be surjective on vertices. One natural avenue of generalization of the concept of a cocartesian morphism to Segal spaces would be to upgrade the condition of surjectivity on vertices to an analogous, homotopy-invariant condition which implies it. One such condition is that  $p_e$  be a trivial fibration. Indeed, this is the definition we will use. However, this turns out to be equivalent to demand something superficially weaker.

**Definition 1.4.1.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces. A morphism  $e \in X_{10}$  is  **$f$ -cocartesian** if the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(\Delta^2 \setminus X)^e & \longrightarrow & (\Lambda_0^2 \setminus X)^e \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
(\Delta^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e)} & \longrightarrow & (\Lambda_0^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e)}
\end{array}$$

is homotopy pullback.

**Example 1.4.2.** Identity morphisms are  $f$ -cocartesian. This is because for  $e = \text{id}$ , the horizontal morphisms in Definition 1.4.1 are equivalences. More generally, by [8, Lemma 11.6], homotopy equivalences are  $f$ -cocartesian.

Cocartesian morphisms automatically respect path components in the following sense.

**Proposition 1.4.3.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, and let  $\alpha: \Delta^1 \rightarrow X_1$  be a map representing a path  $e \rightarrow e'$  between morphisms  $e$  and  $e'$  in  $X_1$ . Then  $e$  is  $f$ -cocartesian if and only if  $e'$  is  $f$ -cocartesian.

*Proof.* Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are Reedy fibrant and  $f$  is a Reedy fibration, it suffices

to show that the map

$$(\Delta^2 \setminus X)^e \rightarrow (\Lambda_0^2 \setminus X)^e \times_{(\Lambda_0^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e)}} (\Delta^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e)} \quad (2)$$

is a weak equivalence if and only if the map

$$(\Delta^2 \setminus X)^{e'} \rightarrow (\Lambda_0^2 \setminus X)^{e'} \times_{(\Lambda_0^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e')}} (\Delta^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e')} \quad (3)$$

is a weak equivalence.

Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \longrightarrow & \Delta^2 \setminus X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Q & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_0^2 \setminus X \times_{\Lambda_0^2 \setminus Y} \Delta^2 \setminus Y, \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \Delta^{\{0,1\}} \setminus X \end{array}$$

where both squares are strict pullback. The maps on the right-hand side are Kan fibrations by Reedy fibrancy and the fact that  $f$  is a Reedy fibration, so we get in particular a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Q \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & \Delta^1 & \end{array},$$

where both downward-facing maps are Kan fibrations. Note that the component of the map  $\phi$  over  $\Delta^0$  is the map from Equation 2, and component over  $\Delta^1$  is the map from Equation 3. Kan fibrations are in particular left fibrations, so under the Grothendieck construction this corresponds to a diagram given by the following homotopy-commutative square in  $\mathbf{Set}_\Delta$  (with the Kan model structure), in which the rightward-pointing maps are weak equivalences because our maps  $P \rightarrow \Delta^1$  and  $Q \rightarrow \Delta^1$  were Kan fibrations.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^2 \setminus X)^e & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & (\Delta^2 \setminus X)^{e'} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Lambda_0^2 \setminus X)^e \times_{(\Lambda_0^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e)}} (\Delta^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e)} & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & (\Lambda_0^2 \setminus X)^{e'} \times_{(\Lambda_0^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e')}} (\Delta^2 \setminus Y)^{f(e')} \end{array}$$

By the 2/3 property for weak equivalences, the map on the left is a weak equivalence if and only if the map on the right is a weak equivalence, which is what we had to show.  $\square$

**Definition 1.4.4.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, and let  $e \in X_{10}$  be a cocartesian morphism. Denote by  $\mathcal{E}$  the smallest marking

which contains  $e$  and all degenerate morphisms in  $X$ , and which respects path components. More explicitly, the marking  $\mathcal{E}$  contains:

- The morphism  $e$ ;
- Each identity morphism; and
- Any morphism connected to  $e$  or any identity morphism by a path.

Our next order of business is to show that the our definition of cocartesian morphisms in terms of lifting with respect to the morphism  $\Lambda_0^2 \hookrightarrow \Delta^2$  implies lifting with respect to  $\Lambda_0^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .

**Definition 1.4.5.** Define the following simplicial subsets of  $\Delta^n$ .

- For  $n \geq 1$ , denote by  $I_n$  the *spine* of  $\Delta^n$ , i.e. the simplicial subset

$$\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \amalg_{\Delta^{\{1\}}} \Delta^{\{1,2\}} \amalg_{\Delta^{\{2\}}} \cdots \amalg_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}}} \Delta^{\{n-1,n\}} \subseteq \Delta^n.$$

- For  $n \geq 2$ , denote by  $L_n$  the simplicial subset

$$L_n = \Delta^{\{0,1\}} \amalg_{\Delta^{\{0\}}} \overbrace{\Delta^{\{0,2\}} \amalg_{\Delta^{\{2\}}} \Delta^{\{2,3\}} \amalg_{\Delta^{\{3\}}} \cdots \amalg_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}}} \Delta^{\{n-1,n\}}}^{I_{\{0,1,2,\dots,n\}}} \subseteq \Delta^n.$$

That is,  $L_n$  is the union of  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$  with the spine of  $d_1\Delta^n$ . We will call  $L_n$  the *left spine* of  $\Delta^n$ .

Note that  $L_2 \cong \Lambda_0^2$ .

**Proposition 1.4.6.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, and let  $e \in X_{10}$  be an  $f$ -cocartesian morphism. Then the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^n \backslash X)^e & \longrightarrow & (L_n \backslash X)^e \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Delta^n \backslash Y)^{f(e)} & \longrightarrow & (L_n \backslash Y)^{f(e)} \end{array}$$

is homotopy pullback for all  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* We have the case  $n = 2$  because  $e$  is  $f$ -cocartesian. Assume the result is true up to  $n - 1$ . Then the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^{n-1} \backslash X)^e \times_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}} \backslash X} \Delta^{\{n-1,n\}} \backslash X & \longrightarrow & (L_{n-1} \backslash X)^e \times_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}} \backslash X} \Delta^{\{n-1,n\}} \backslash X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Delta^{n-1} \backslash Y)^{f(e)} \times_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}} \backslash Y} \Delta^{\{n-1,n\}} \backslash Y & \longrightarrow & (L_{n-1} \backslash Y)^{f(e)} \times_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}} \backslash Y} \Delta^{\{n-1,n\}} \backslash Y \end{array}$$



is homotopy pullback since each component is homotopy pullback. But this square is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^n \setminus X)^e & \longrightarrow & (L_n \setminus X)^e \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Delta^n \setminus Y)^{f(e)} & \longrightarrow & (L_n \setminus Y)^{f(e)} \end{array} :$$

The left-hand equivalences come from the Segal condition, and the right-hand equivalences come from the definition of  $L_n$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.4.7.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, and let  $e \in X_{10}$  be a  $f$ -cocartesian morphism. Then for all  $n \geq 2$ , the map

$$(\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus X^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow L_n^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus X^{\mathcal{E}} \times_{(\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus Y^{\#}} L_n^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus Y^{\#}$$

is a trivial Kan fibration.

*Proof.* Each edge  $e' \in \mathcal{E}$  is  $f$ -cocartesian: the morphism  $e$  is  $f$ -cocartesian by assumption, each degenerate edge is  $f$ -cocartesian by [Example 1.4.2](#), and any morphism in the path component of an  $f$ -cocartesian morphism is  $f$ -cocartesian by [Proposition 1.4.3](#).

Therefore, for any  $e' \in \mathcal{E}$ , the map

$$(\Delta^n \setminus X)^{e'} \rightarrow (L_n \setminus X)^{e'} \times_{(\Delta^n \setminus Y)^{f(e')}} (L_n \setminus Y)^{f(e')}$$

is a weak equivalence by [Proposition 1.4.6](#), and it is a Kan fibration by [Lemma 1.3.2](#). The result follows from [Lemma 1.3.5](#).  $\square$

For any simplicial set  $A$ , define a marked simplicial set  $(\Delta^1 \star A, \mathcal{L}')$  where the only nondegenerate simplex belonging to  $\mathcal{L}'$  is  $\Delta^1$ . This is a slight generalization of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -marking.

**Lemma 1.4.8.** Let  $A \hookrightarrow B$  be a monomorphism of simplicial sets, and suppose that  $B$  is  $n$ -skeletal (and therefore that  $A$  is  $n$ -skeletal). Then the map

$$(\Delta^{\{0\}} \star B)^{\flat} \coprod_{(\Delta^{\{0\}} \star A)^{\flat}} (\Delta^1 \star A)^{\mathcal{L}'} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^1 \star B)^{\mathcal{L}'}$$

is in the saturated hull of the morphisms

$$(\Lambda_0^k)^{\mathcal{L}} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^k)^{\mathcal{L}}, \quad 2 \leq k \leq n+2.$$

*Proof.* It suffices to show this for  $A \hookrightarrow B = \partial \Delta^m \hookrightarrow \Delta^m$  for  $0 \leq m \leq n$ . In this case the necessary map is of the form

$$(\Lambda_0^{m+2})^{\mathcal{L}} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^{m+2})^{\mathcal{L}}.$$

□

**Definition 1.4.9.** We will say a collection of morphisms  $\mathcal{A} \subset \text{Mor}(\text{Set}_\Delta^+)$  has the *right cancellation property* if for all  $u, v \in \text{Mor}(\text{Set}_\Delta^+)$ ,

$$u \in \mathcal{A}, \quad vu \in \mathcal{A} \quad \implies \quad v \in \mathcal{A}.$$

**Lemma 1.4.10.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a saturated set of morphisms of  $\text{Set}_\Delta^+$  all of whose underlying morphisms are monomorphisms, and which has the right cancellation property. Further suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  contains the following classes of morphisms.

1. Maps  $(A)^\flat \hookrightarrow (B)^\flat$ , where  $A \rightarrow B$  is inner anodyne.
2. Left spine inclusions  $(L_n)^\mathcal{L} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^n)^\mathcal{L}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Then  $\mathcal{A}$  contains left horn inclusions  $(\Lambda_0^n)^\mathcal{L} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^n)^\mathcal{L}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* For  $n = 2$ , there is nothing to check: we have an isomorphism  $(L_2)^\mathcal{L} \cong (\Lambda_0^2)^\mathcal{L}$ .

We proceed by induction. Suppose we have shown that all horn inclusions  $(\Lambda_0^k)^\mathcal{L} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^k)^\mathcal{L}$  belong to  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $2 \leq k < n$ . From now on we will suppress the marking  $(-)^\mathcal{L}$ . All simplicial subsets of  $\Delta^n$  below will have  $\Delta^{\{0,1\}}$  marked if they contain it.

Consider the factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} L_n & \xrightarrow{u_n} & \Lambda_0^n & \xrightarrow{v_n} & \Delta^n \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & v_n \circ u_n & & \end{array}$$

The morphism  $v_n \circ u_n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$  by assumption, so in order to show that  $v_n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ , it suffices by right cancellation to show that  $u_n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Consider the factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} L_n & \xrightarrow{w'_n} & L_n \cup d_1 \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{w_n} & \Lambda_0^n \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & u_n & & \end{array}$$

The map  $w'_n$  is a pushout along the spine inclusion  $I_{\{0,1,2,\dots,n\}} \hookrightarrow d_1 \Delta^n$ , and hence is inner anodyne. Hence, we need only show that  $w_n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let

$$Q = d_2 \Delta^n \cup \dots \cup d_n \Delta^n,$$

and consider the following pushout diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (L_n \cup d_1 \Delta^n) \cap Q & \hookrightarrow & Q \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ L_n \cup d_1 \Delta^n & \hookrightarrow & L_n \cup d_1 \Delta^n \cup Q \end{array}$$

Since  $L_n \cup d_1 \Delta^n \cup Q \cong \Lambda_0^n$ , the bottom map is  $w_n$ , so it suffices to show that the top map belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ . But this is isomorphic to

$$(\Delta^{\{0,1\}} \star \emptyset) \coprod_{(\Delta^{\{0\}} \star \emptyset)} (\Delta^{\{0\}} \star \partial \Delta^{\{2,3,\dots,n\}}) \hookrightarrow \Delta^{\{0,1\}} \star \partial \Delta^{\{2,3,\dots,n\}}.$$

The simplicial set  $\partial \Delta^{\{2,\dots,n\}}$  is  $(n-3)$ -skeletal, so this map belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$  by [Lemma 1.4.8](#).  $\square$

For each  $n \geq 2$ , denote by  $h^n$  the  $\mathcal{L}$ -marked inclusion

$$h^n: (\Lambda_0^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}}.$$

**Proposition 1.4.11.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration of Segal spaces, and let  $e \in X_{10}$  be an  $f$ -cocartesian morphism. Then for all  $n \geq 2$ , the map

$$\langle h^n \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle: (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus X^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow (\Lambda_0^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus X^{\mathcal{E}} \times_{(\Lambda_0^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus Y^{\#}} (\Delta^n)^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus Y^{\#}$$

is a trivial fibration of simplicial sets.

*Proof.* Consider the set

$$S = \left\{ u: A \rightarrow B \text{ morphism of marked simplicial sets} \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{such that } \tilde{u} \text{ is mono} \\ \langle u \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle \text{ weak homotopy equivalence} \end{array} \right\}.$$

It is clear that this set has the right cancellation property ([Definition 1.4.9](#)).

The set of morphisms of marked simplicial sets whose underlying morphisms are monic clearly has the right-cancellation property. To show that  $S$  does, let  $u: A \rightarrow B$  and  $v: B \rightarrow C$  be such morphisms and consider the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \setminus X & \xrightarrow{\langle vu \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle} & A \setminus X \times_{A \setminus Y} C \setminus Y \\ \langle v \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle \downarrow & & \uparrow \simeq \\ B \setminus X \times_{B \setminus Y} C \setminus Y & \xrightarrow{\langle u \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle \times \text{id}} & (A \setminus X \times_{A \setminus Y} B \setminus Y) \times_{B \setminus Y} C \setminus Y \end{array}$$

If  $\langle u \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$  is a weak equivalence, then the bottom morphism is a weak equivalence. The right-hand morphism is a weak equivalence because it is an isomorphism, so if  $\langle vu \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$  is a weak equivalence, then the  $\langle v \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$  is a weak equivalence by 2/3.

By [Proposition 1.2.11](#), a map  $u$  belonging to  $S$  automatically has the property that  $\langle u \setminus f^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$  a Kan fibration, hence is a trivial Kan fibration. Thus, we can equivalently say that  $u \in S$  if and only if  $u$  has the left-lifting property with respect to all maps of the form  $\langle X/v \rangle$ , where  $v$  is a cofibration of simplicial sets. Since the set of all monomorphisms is saturated,  $S$  is saturated.

The set  $S$  contains all flat-marked inner anodyne morphisms because  $f$  is a

Reedy fibration. [Corollary 1.4.7](#) tells us that  $S$  contains all left spine inclusions  $(L_n)^\mathcal{L} \hookrightarrow (\Delta^n)^\mathcal{L}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Thus, by [Lemma 1.4.10](#),  $S$  contains all  $\mathcal{L}$ -marked left horn inclusions.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.4.12.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, and let  $e \in X_{10}$  be an  $f$ -cocartesian edge. Then the map

$$(\Delta^n \setminus X)^e \rightarrow (\Lambda_0^n \setminus X)^e \times_{(\Lambda_0^n \setminus Y)^{f(e)}} (\Delta^n \setminus Y)^{f(e)}$$

is a trivial fibration.

*Proof.* [Lemma 1.3.5](#).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.4.13.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces, and let  $e \in X_{10}$  be an  $f$ -cocartesian morphism. Then  $e$  is  $f/\Delta^0$ -cocartesian.

*Proof.* By [Corollary 1.4.12](#), for all  $n \geq 2$  the map

$$(\Delta^n \setminus X)^e \rightarrow (\Lambda_0^n \setminus X)^e \times_{(\Lambda_0^n \setminus Y)^{f(e)}} (\Delta^n \setminus Y)^{f(e)}$$

is a trivial fibration. Thus, it certainly has the right-lifting property with respect to  $\emptyset \hookrightarrow \Delta^0$ . Passing to the adjoint lifting problem, we find that this is equivalent to the existence of a dashed lift in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\{0,1\}} & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow e & \\ \Lambda_0^n & \longrightarrow & X/\Delta^0, \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & Y/\Delta^0 \end{array}$$

which tells us that  $e$  is  $f/\Delta^0$ -cocartesian.  $\square$

**Definition 1.4.14.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Reedy fibration between Segal spaces. We will say that  $f$  is a **cocartesian fibration** if each morphism in  $Y$  has an  $f$ -cocartesian lift in  $X$ . More explicitly, we demand that, for each edge  $e: y \rightarrow y'$  in  $Y$  and each vertex  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ , there exists an  $f$ -cocartesian morphism  $\tilde{e}: x \rightarrow x'$  such that  $f(\tilde{e}) = e$ .

**Corollary 1.4.15.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a cocartesian fibration of Segal spaces. Then the map

$$f/\Delta^0: X/\Delta^0 \rightarrow Y/\Delta^0$$

is a cocartesian fibration of quasicategories, and if a morphism in  $X_1$  is  $f$ -cocartesian, then it is  $f/\Delta^0$ -cocartesian.

*Proof.* By [Theorem 1.1.6](#), the map  $f/\Delta^0$  is an inner fibration between quasicategories. By assumption, every morphism in  $Y$  has a  $f$ -cocartesian lift, and these lifts are  $f/\Delta^0$ -cocartesian by [Corollary 1.4.13](#).  $\square$

## 2 Segal spaces of spans

### 2.1 Basic definitions

We recall the basic definitions of Segal spaces of spans. Note that spans as we will define them form not only a Segal space, but a *complete* Segal space; this will not concern us. For more information, we direct the reader to [2]. This section is intended to be a summary of the results found there which we will need.

The objects of our study will be  $\infty$ -categories whose morphisms are spans

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & y & \\ \phi \swarrow & & \searrow \psi \\ x & & x' \end{array}$$

in some quasicategory  $\mathcal{C}$  (this means that  $x$ ,  $x'$ , and  $y$  are objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ ). We will want to be able to place certain conditions on the legs  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  of our spans. For example, we may want to restrict our attention to spans such that  $\phi$  is an equivalence, or has contractible fibers. More precisely, we pick out two subcategories of  $\mathcal{C}$  to which the respective legs of our spans must belong.

**Definition 2.1.1.** A *triple* of categories is a triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a quasicategory where  $\mathcal{C}_\dagger$  and  $\mathcal{C}^\dagger$  are subcategories (in the sense of [6, Sec. 1.2.11]), each of which contain all equivalences.

We will use the following terminology and notation for the morphism in our subcategories.

- We denote the morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}_\dagger$  with tails (as in  $x \rightharpoonup y$ ), and call them *ingressive*.
- We denote the morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}^\dagger$  with two heads (as in  $x \twoheadrightarrow y$ ), and call them *egressive*.

In order for a triple of categories to be able to support a category of spans, it will have to satisfy certain properties. We will call such categories *adequate*.

**Definition 2.1.2.** A triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  is said to be *adequate* if it has the following properties:

1. For any morphism  $y \rightarrowtail x \in \mathcal{C}_\dagger$  and any morphism  $x' \twoheadrightarrow x \in \mathcal{C}^\dagger$ , there exists a pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y' & \longrightarrow & x' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ y & \rightarrowtail & x \end{array}.$$

2. For any pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y' & \xrightarrow{f'} & x' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ y & \xrightarrow{f} & x \end{array},$$

if the arrow  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_\dagger$  (resp.  $\mathcal{C}^\dagger$ ), then the arrow  $f'$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_\dagger$  (resp.  $\mathcal{C}^\dagger$ ).

We will call a square of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y' & \rightarrowtail & x' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ y & \rightarrowtail & x \end{array}$$

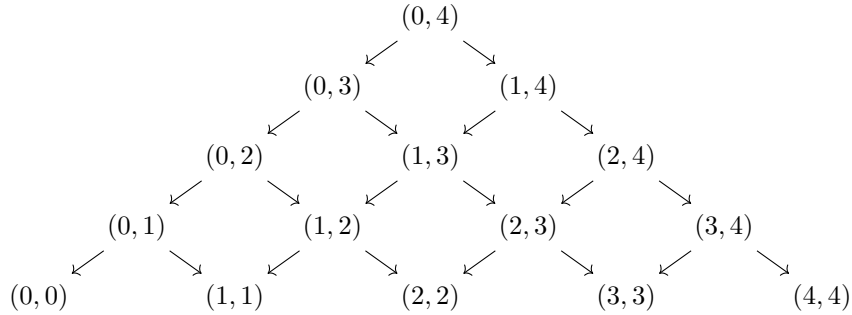
*ambigressive*. If such an ambigressive square is also a pullback square, we will call it *ambigressive pullback*.

It is now time to set about building our categories of spans. We give only a sketch. For each  $n \geq 0$ , we define a poset  $\Sigma_n$  as follows:

- The elements of  $\Sigma_n$  are pairs of integers  $(i, j)$ , with  $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ .
- We define a partial order via

$$(i, j) \leq (i', j') \iff i \leq i' \leq j' \leq j.$$

**Example 2.1.3.** We can draw  $\Sigma_4$  as follows.



These  $\Sigma_n$  assemble into a cosimplicial object

$$\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}_\Delta; \quad [n] \mapsto N(\Sigma_n),$$

Left Kan extending yields a functor  $\text{sd} : \text{Set}_\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}_\Delta$ . General abstract nonsense gives us right adjoint  $\text{Span}' : \text{Set}_\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}_\Delta$  forming an adjunction

$$\text{sd} : \text{Set}_\Delta \longleftrightarrow \text{Set}_\Delta : \text{Span}'.$$

For any simplicial set  $A$ , the simplicial set  $\text{Span}'(A)$  has  $n$ -simplices

$$\text{Span}'(A)_n = \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}_\Delta}(\text{sd}(\Delta^n), A).$$

Fix some triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$ . We will call a functor  $\text{sd}(\Delta^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is called *ambigressive Cartesian* if the image of each square in  $\text{sd}(\Delta^n) = N(\Sigma_n)$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (i, j) & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ (i, j - \ell) & & (i + k, j) \\ \searrow & & \swarrow \\ & (i + k, j - \ell) & \end{array}$$

(where we include the possibilities  $k = 0$  and  $\ell = 0$ ) is an ambigressive pullback. The quasicategory  $\text{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  is then defined level-wise to be the subset

$$\text{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \subseteq \text{Span}'(\mathcal{C})$$

on functors  $\text{sd}(\Delta^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  which are ambigressive Cartesian.

Analogously, for an adequate triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  and any simplicial set  $A$ , define

$$\text{Map}^{\text{aCart}}(\text{sd}(A), \mathcal{C})^\simeq \subseteq \text{Map}(\text{sd}(A), \mathcal{C})^\simeq$$

to be the full simplicial subset on functors  $\text{sd}(A)$  such that for each standard simplex  $\sigma$  of  $A$ , the image of  $\text{sd}(\sigma)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is ambigressive Cartesian. The (complete) Segal space of spans  $\mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  is defined level-wise by

$$\mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)_n = \text{Map}^{\text{aCart}}(\text{sd}(\Delta^n), \mathcal{C})^\simeq.$$

For a proof that this really is a Segal space, the reader is once again referred to [2].

**Example 2.1.4.** For any quasicategory, we can define a triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger = \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}^\dagger =$

$\mathcal{C}^\simeq$ ). The corresponding spans are of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & y & \\ \swarrow \simeq & & \searrow \\ x & & x' \end{array},$$

where  $Y \rightarrow X$  is an equivalence in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

The resulting quasicategory of spans is categorically equivalent to the category  $\mathcal{C}$  from which we started. To see this, note that for each  $n \geq 0$  there is a retraction of posets

$$[n] \hookrightarrow \Sigma_n \twoheadrightarrow [n],$$

where the first map takes  $i \mapsto (i, n)$ , and the second takes  $(i, j) \mapsto i$ . Under the nerve, this corresponds to a retraction of simplicial sets

$$\Delta^n \hookrightarrow \text{sd}(\Delta^n) \twoheadrightarrow \Delta^n.$$

Pulling back along these maps gives us, for each  $n$ , a retraction

$$\text{Fun}(\Delta^n, \mathcal{C}) \xleftarrow{i_n} \text{Fun}(\text{sd}(\Delta^n), \mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{r_n} \text{Fun}(\Delta^n, \mathcal{C}).$$

Note that the image of the inclusion  $i$

It is not hard to convince oneself that a map  $\text{sd}(\Delta^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is ambigressive cartesian if and only if it is a right Kan extension of its restriction along  $\Delta^n \hookrightarrow \text{sd}(\Delta^n)$ . In the case  $n = 2$ , the inclusion  $[2] \hookrightarrow \Sigma_2$  is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & & (0, 2) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ & 1 & (0, 1) \quad (1, 2) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ & 2 & (0, 0) \quad (1, 1) \quad (2, 2) \end{array} \hookrightarrow$$

The right Kan extension of a diagram  $\Delta^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

The inclusions  $\Delta^n \rightarrow \text{sd}(\Delta^n)$  does not yield a map of cosimplicial objects  $\Delta^\bullet \rightarrow \text{sd}(\Delta^\bullet)$ , but the projections  $\text{sd}(\Delta^n) \rightarrow \Delta^n$  do, giving us a map of cosimplicial objects  $\text{sd}(\Delta^\bullet) \rightarrow \Delta^\bullet$ .

There is an equivalence of Segal spaces

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}^\simeq),$$

where  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  is the Segal space defined level-wise by

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{C})_n = \text{Fun}(\Delta^n, \mathcal{C}).$$



This sends a morphism  $f: x \rightarrow y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  to the span

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & x & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ x & & x' \end{array},$$

A functor between adequate triples  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$  is a functor

$$p: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

such that  $p(\mathcal{C}_\dagger) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_\dagger$ ,  $p(\mathcal{C}^\dagger) \subseteq \mathcal{D}^\dagger$ , and  $p$  preserves ambigressive pullbacks. We will denote the restriction of  $p$  to  $\mathcal{C}_\dagger$  by

$$p_\dagger: \mathcal{C}_\dagger \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\dagger,$$

and similarly for  $p^\dagger$ . Clearly, a functor  $p$  between adequate triples gives functors  $\text{Span}(p)$  and  $\mathbf{Span}(p)$  respectively between quasicategories and Segal spaces of spans.

The goal of the remainder of this document is to provide a proof of the following theorem. This is [2, Thm. 12.2].

**Theorem 2.1.5.** Let  $p: (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$  be a functor of adequate triples. Further suppose that  $p$  satisfies the following conditions:

1. For any ingressive morphism  $g: s \rightarrow t$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  and any object  $x \in \mathcal{C}_s$ , there exists an ingressive morphism  $f: x \rightarrow y$  covering  $g$  which is both  $p$ -cocartesian and  $p_\dagger$ -cocartesian.
2. Suppose  $\sigma$  is a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y' & \xrightarrow{f'} & x' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ y & \xrightarrow{f} & x \end{array}$$

in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $p(\sigma)$  is ambigressive pullback in  $\mathcal{D}$ , with in- and egressive morphisms as marked, and  $f$  is  $p$ -cocartesian. Then  $f'$  is  $p$ -cocartesian if and only if  $\sigma$  is an ambigressive pullback square (and in particular  $\psi$  is egressive).

Then if a morphism in  $\text{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & y & \\ \swarrow \phi & & \searrow \psi \\ x & & x' \end{array},$$

where  $\phi$  is egressive and  $p^\dagger$ -cartesian, and  $\psi$  is ingressive and  $p$ -cocartesian, it

is  $\pi$ -cocartesian.<sup>1</sup>

This theorem originally appears in [2] (although, as noted above, the assumptions are slightly different). However, the proof there is combinatorial in nature. Our proof uses the material developed in Section 1, leveraging the fact that  $\infty$ -categories of spans have natural incarnations as (complete) Segal spaces.

Before we get to the meat of the proof, however, we have to prove some preliminary results.

## 2.2 Housekeeping

In this section we recall some basic facts we will need in the course of our proof of the main theorem.

### Isofibrations

We will need some results about isofibrations, sometimes called categorical fibrations. These are standard, and proofs can be found on Kerodon.

**Proposition 2.2.1.** Let  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a map between quasicategories. The following are equivalent:

- The map  $f$  is an isofibration.
- The map  $f$  is an inner fibration, and each equivalence in  $\mathcal{D}$  has a lift in  $\mathcal{C}$  which is an equivalence.

We will denote by  $\mathrm{Map}(-, -)$  the internal hom on  $\mathrm{Set}_\Delta$ .

**Proposition 2.2.2.** Let  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an isofibration between quasicategories, and let  $i: A \hookrightarrow B$  be an inclusion of simplicial sets. Then the map

$$\mathrm{Map}(B, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}(A, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Map}(A, \mathcal{D})} \mathrm{Map}(B, \mathcal{D})$$

is an isofibration.

We will denote by  $(-)^{\simeq}$  the *core* functor, i.e. the functor which takes a simplicial set  $X$  to the largest Kan complex it contains.

**Proposition 2.2.3.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an isofibration of simplicial sets. Then

$$f^{\simeq}: X^{\simeq} \rightarrow Y^{\simeq}$$

is a Kan fibration.

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<sup>1</sup>This is not precisely the same condition that Barwick gives: he demands that  $\phi$  be  $p$ -cartesian rather than  $p^\dagger$ -cartesian. As far as I can tell, this is simply an error; Barwick seems to use the condition as stated above in his proof.

We will denote the core of the mapping space functor  $\text{Map}(-, -)$  by  $\text{Fun}(-, -)$ . That is, for simplicial sets  $A$  and  $B$ , we have

$$\text{Fun}(A, B) \cong \text{Map}(A, B)^{\simeq}.$$

**Corollary 2.2.4.** Let  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an isofibration between quasicategories, and let  $A \hookrightarrow B$  be an inclusion of simplicial sets. Then the map

$$\text{Fun}(B, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(A, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\text{Fun}(A, \mathcal{D})} \text{Fun}(B, \mathcal{D})$$

is a Kan fibration.

### Connected components

Our proof will rely heavily on the fact that the many properties that morphisms can have (ingressive, egressive,  $p$ -cocartesian, etc.) are well-behaved with respect to the homotopical structure of the complete Segal spaces in which they live; for example, if a morphism is  $p$ -cocartesian, then every morphism in its path component is  $p$ -cocartesian.

Let  $X'$  and  $X$  be simplicial sets, and let  $f: X' \hookrightarrow X$  be an inclusion. We will say that  $f$  is an *inclusion of connected components* if for all simplices  $\sigma \in X$ , if  $\sigma$  has any vertex in common with  $X'$ , then  $\sigma$  is wholly contained in  $X'$ .

**Lemma 2.2.5.** Let  $A$  be a simplicial set such that between any two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $A$  there exists a finite zig-zag of 1-simplices of  $A$  connecting  $x$  to  $y$ . Let  $A_0 \subseteq A$  be a nonempty simplicial subset of  $A$ . Let  $f: X' \hookrightarrow X$  be a morphism between simplicial sets which is an inclusion of connected components. Then the following dashed lift always exists.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & X' \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

*Proof.* We have a map  $f: A \rightarrow X$ ; in order to construct our dashed lift, it suffices to show that under the above assumptions,  $f$  takes every simplex of  $A$  to a simplex which belongs to  $X'$ . To this end, let  $\sigma \in A$  be a simplex. There exists a finite zig-zag of 1-simplices connecting some vertex of  $\sigma$  to a vertex  $\alpha$  of  $A_0$ ; under  $f$ , this is mapped to a zig-zag of 1-simplices connecting  $f(\alpha)$  to  $f(\sigma)$ . The vertex  $f(\alpha)$  belongs to  $X'$ ; proceeding inductively, we find that the image of every 1-simplex belonging to the zig-zag also belongs to  $X'$ , and that  $f(\sigma)$  therefore also belongs to  $X'$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.6.** Given any commuting square of simplicial sets

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xhookrightarrow{i} & X \\ f' \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ Y' & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

with monomorphisms as marked, where  $i$  is an inclusion of connected components between Kan complexes and  $f$  is a Kan fibration, the map  $f'$  is a Kan fibration.

Furthermore, if  $f$  is a trivial fibration and  $f'$  is surjective on vertices, then  $f'$  is a trivial fibration.

*Proof.* First, we show that if  $f$  is a Kan fibration, then  $f'$  is a Kan fibration. We need to show that a dashed lift below exists for each  $n \geq 1$  and each  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Lambda_i^n & \longrightarrow & X' & \xhookrightarrow{i} & X \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f \\ \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & Y' & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

We can always solve our outer lifting problem, and by [Lemma 2.2.5](#), our lift factors through  $X'$ .

Now suppose that  $f$  is a trivial Kan fibration. The logic above says that  $f'$  has the right lifting property with respect to  $\partial\Delta^n \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ ; the right lifting property with respect to  $\partial\Delta^0 \hookrightarrow \Delta^0$  is equivalent to the surjectivity of  $f'$  on vertices.  $\square$

### Contractibility

We will need at certain points to show that various spaces of lifts are contractible. These are mostly common-sense results, but it will be helpful to have them written down somewhere so we can refer to them later.

**Lemma 2.2.7.** Let  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an inner fibration between quasicategories. Then for any commuting square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_1^2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ \Delta^2 & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \mathcal{D} \end{array},$$

the fiber  $F$  in the pullback square below is contractible.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^2, \mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{(\alpha, f\alpha, \beta)} & \mathrm{Fun}(\Lambda_1^2, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\Lambda_1^2, \mathcal{D})} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^2, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

*Proof.* The right-hand map is a trivial Kan fibration.  $\square$

One should interpret this as telling us that given a  $\Lambda_2^2$ -horn  $\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  lying over a 2-simplex  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , the space of fillings of  $\alpha$  lying over  $\beta$  is contractible. We will need a pantheon of similar results.

**Lemma 2.2.8.** Let  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an inner fibration between quasicategories. Let  $e$  be any  $f$ -cartesian edge. Then for any square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_2^2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ \Delta^2 & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

such that  $\alpha|_{\{1,2\}} = e$ , the fiber  $F$  in the pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^2, \mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{(\alpha, f\alpha, \beta)} & \mathrm{Fun}(\Lambda_2^2, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\Lambda_1^2, \mathcal{D})} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^2, \mathcal{D}) \end{array} \quad (4)$$

is contractible.

*Proof.* Denote  $f(e) = \bar{e}$ . Define a marking  $\mathcal{E}'$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  containing all degenerate edges and  $\bar{e}$ . Define a marking  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  containing the  $f$ -cocartesian lifts of the edges in  $\mathcal{E}$ . By [6, Prop. 3.1.1.6], the map  $\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{E}'}$  has the right-lifting property with respect to all cocartesian-marked anodyne morphisms. It follows that

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{Map}^\sharp((\Delta^2)^\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{C}^\mathcal{E}) \\ \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Map}^\sharp((\Lambda_2^2)^\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{C}^\mathcal{E}) \times_{\mathrm{Map}^\sharp((\Lambda_1^2)^\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{E}'})} \mathrm{Map}^\sharp((\Delta^2)^\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{E}'}) \end{array}$$

is a trivial Kan fibration; the map on the right-hand side of [Diagram 4](#) is the core of this map, and is thus also a trivial Kan fibration.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.9.** Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$  be an inner fibration between triples satisfying the conditions of [Theorem 2.1.5](#). Denote by  $\mathrm{Fun}'(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  the full simplicial subset of  $\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  on edges  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\dagger$  which are both

$p$ -cocartesian and  $p^\dagger$ -cocartesian. Then the fibers of the map

$$\mathrm{Fun}'(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\{0\}}, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\{0\}}, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$$

are contractible.

*Proof.* Denote by  $\mathrm{Fun}''(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  the full simplicial subset of  $\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger)$  on edges which are  $p^\dagger$ -cartesian. Then we have a square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}'(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathrm{Fun}''(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\{0\}}, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\{0\}}, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{D}^\dagger) & \xlongequal{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\{0\}}, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\{0\}}, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{D}^\dagger) \end{array}$$

in which the top map is an inclusion of connected components, the right map is a trivial Kan fibration, and the left map is surjective on vertices. Thus, the left map is a trivial Kan fibration by [Corollary 2.2.6](#)  $\square$

### 2.3 Main theorem

Our goal is now to prove [Theorem 2.1.5](#). As in the statement of the theorem, we fix a map of triples  $p: (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$  giving us a functor of quasicategories

$$\pi: \mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow \mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger).$$

We wish to show that morphisms of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & y & \\ \phi \swarrow & & \searrow \psi \\ x & & x' \end{array}, \tag{5}$$

are  $\pi$ -cocartesian, where  $\phi$  is egressive and  $p_\dagger$ -cartesian, and  $\psi$  is ingressive and  $p$ -cocartesian.

The way forward is clear: the functor  $\pi$  is the zeroth row of a functor of Segal spaces

$$\pi': \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger).$$

It will suffice to show by [Corollary 1.4.15](#) that morphisms of the above form are  $\pi'$ -cocartesian. Morally, this result should not be surprising. We should think of the homotopy pullback condition defining cocartesian morphisms ([Definition 1.4.1](#)) as telling us that we can fill relative  $\Lambda_2^2$ -horns in  $\pi': \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$ , and that such fillings are unique up to contractible choice.

Finding a filling

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_2^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \pi' \\ \Delta^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger) \end{array}$$

is equivalent finding a filling

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{sd}(\Lambda_2^2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow p \\ \mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

(such that the filling is ambigressive and the necessary square is pullback); the conditions on  $p$  guarantee us that we can perform this filling in a series of steps pictured in [Figure 1](#), each of which is unique up to contractible choice.

### Reedy fibration

First, however, we have to check that  $\pi'$  is a Reedy fibration. This follows from the following useful fact, implied by the first assumption of [Theorem 2.1.5](#).

**Lemma 2.3.1.** Let  $p: (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$  be a functor of triples satisfying the conditions of [Theorem 2.1.5](#). Then the map  $p: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is an isofibration.

*Proof.* By assumption,  $p$  is an inner fibration and  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are quasicategories, so it suffices by [Proposition 2.2.1](#) to show that  $p$  admits lifts of equivalences. Each equivalence in  $\mathcal{D}$  is in particular ingressive, and hence admits a  $p$ -cocartesian lift by the assumptions of [Theorem 2.1.5](#); these are automatically equivalences.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.2.** For any functor of adequate triples  $p: (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$ , the map

$$\pi': \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$$

is a Reedy fibration.

*Proof.* Consider the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^n), \mathcal{C}) & \xhookrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^n), \mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\partial\Delta^n), \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\partial\Delta^n), \mathcal{D})} \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^n), \mathcal{D}) & \xhookrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\partial\Delta^n), \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\partial\Delta^n), \mathcal{D})} \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^n), \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

The right-hand map is a Kan fibration by [Corollary 2.2.4](#) (because  $\mathrm{sd}$  preserves monomorphisms), and the top map is an inclusion of connected components, so [Corollary 2.2.6](#) implies that the left-hand map is a Kan fibration, which is what we needed to show.  $\square$

We are now ready to begin in earnest our proof that morphisms of the form [Equation 5](#) are  $\pi'$ -cocartesian. We first introduce some notation. Let  $p: (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_\dagger, \mathcal{C}^\dagger) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\dagger, \mathcal{D}^\dagger)$  be a functor of triples.

- We will denote  $p$ -cartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a circle:

$$x \text{ ---}\circ\text{--}\rightarrow y$$

- We will denote  $p$ -cocartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a bullet:

$$x \text{ ---}\bullet\text{--}\rightarrow y$$

- We will denote  $p^\dagger$ -cartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a triangle:

$$x \text{ ---}\triangleright\text{--}\rightarrow y$$

- We will denote  $p_\dagger$ -cocartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a filled triangle:

$$x \text{ ---}\blacktriangleright\text{--}\rightarrow y$$

Thus, an ingressive morphism which is both  $p$ -cocartesian and  $p_\dagger$ -cocartesian will be denoted by

$$x \text{ ---}\blacktriangleright\bullet\text{--}\rightarrow y$$

Our proof will rest on the factorization  $\text{sd}(\Lambda_0^2) \hookrightarrow \text{sd}(\Delta^2)$  pictured in [Figure 1](#). Denote the underlying factorization of simplicial sets by

$$A_1 \xrightarrow{i_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{i_2} A_3 \xrightarrow{i_3} A_4 \xrightarrow{i_4} A_5 \xrightarrow{i_5} A_6$$

For each of the  $A_i$  above, denote by

$$\text{Fun}'(A_i, \mathcal{C}) \subseteq \text{Fun}(A_i, \mathcal{C}) \tag{6}$$

the full simplicial subset on those functors  $A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  which respect each labelling in [Figure 1](#):

- ingressive
- egressive
- $p$ -cartesian
- $p$ -cocartesian
- $p^\dagger$ -cartesian
- $p_\dagger$ -cocartesian



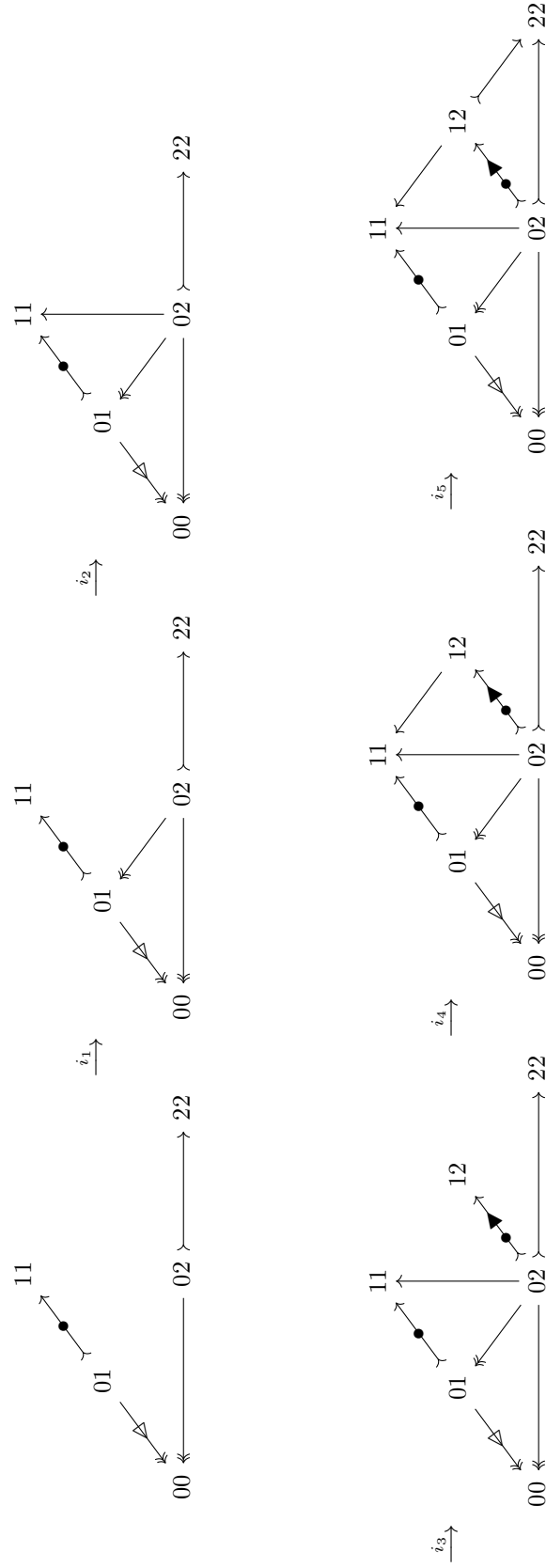


Figure 1: A factorization of the inclusion  $\text{sd}(\Lambda_0^2) \hookrightarrow \text{sd}(\Delta^2)$ , where certain morphisms have been labelled.

Note that because equivalences in  $\mathcal{C}$  belong to each of these classes of morphisms, the inclusion in [Equation 6](#) is an inclusion of connected components.

Similarly, we will denote by  $\text{Fun}'(A_i, \mathcal{D})$  the full simplicial subset on functors which respect the ingressive and egressive labellings.

**Lemma 2.3.3.** The square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{C}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}'(A_0, \mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{D}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}'(A_0, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

is homotopy pullback.

*Proof.* The factorization of [Figure 1](#) gives us a factorization of the above square into five squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fun}'(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{C}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}'(A_k, \mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Fun}'(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{D}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}'(A_k, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}, \quad 1 \leq k < 6,$$

each corresponding to one of the inclusions  $i_k$ . We will be done if we can show that each of these squares is homotopy pullback. It suffices to show that for each  $k$ , the map

$$j_k : \text{Fun}'(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}'(A_k, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\text{Fun}'(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{D})} \text{Fun}'(A_k, \mathcal{D})$$

is a weak equivalence. First, we show that each of these maps is a Kan fibration. To see this, consider the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fun}'(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{C}) & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Fun}(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{C}) \\ j_k \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Fun}'(A_k, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\text{Fun}'(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{D})} \text{Fun}'(A_k, \mathcal{D}) & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Fun}(A_k, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\text{Fun}(A_{k+1}, \mathcal{D})} \text{Fun}(A_k, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}.$$

The right-hand map is a Kan fibration because of [Corollary 2.2.4](#), and we have already seen that the top map is an inclusion of connected components. Hence each  $j_k$  is a Kan fibration by [Corollary 2.2.6](#). Thus, in order to show that each  $j_k$  is a weak equivalence, it suffices to show that the fibers are contractible.

First consider the case  $k = 1$ . For any map  $\alpha$  below, consider the following pullback square.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_\alpha & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}'(A_1, \mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow j_1 \\ \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Fun}'(A_0, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\text{Fun}'(A_1, \mathcal{D})} \text{Fun}'(A_1, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}.$$

The fiber  $F_\alpha$  over  $\alpha$  is the space of ways of completing a diagram of shape  $A_0$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  to a diagram of shape  $A_1$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  given a diagram of shape  $A_1$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ . This is the space of ways of filling  $\Lambda_2^2 \hookrightarrow \Delta^2$  in  $\mathcal{C}^\dagger$  lying over a 2-simplex in  $\mathcal{D}^\dagger$ . This is contractible by [Lemma 2.2.8](#).

The case  $k = 2$  is similar, using [Lemma 2.2.7](#).

The case  $k = 3$  is similar, using [Lemma 2.2.9](#).

The cases  $k = 4$  and  $k = 5$  use the dual to [Lemma 2.2.8](#).  $\square$

We are now ready to show that morphisms of the form [Diagram 5](#) are  $\pi'$ -cocartesian.

**Proposition 2.3.4.** For any morphism  $e$  of the form given in [Equation 5](#), the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2), \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{C})} \{e\} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Lambda_0^2), \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{C})} \{e\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2), \mathcal{D}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{D})} \{\pi e\} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Lambda_0^2), \mathcal{D}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{D})} \{\pi e\} \end{array}$$

is homotopy pullback.

*Proof.* This square factors into the two squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2), \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{C})} \{e\} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{C})} \{e\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{aCart}}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2), \mathcal{D}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{D})} \{\pi e\} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{D}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{D})} \{\pi e\} \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{C})} \{e\} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}'(A_0, \mathcal{C}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{C})} \{e\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{D}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{D})} \{\pi e\} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}'(A_0, \mathcal{D}) \times_{\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}}), \mathcal{D})} \{\pi e\} \end{array}.$$

The first is homotopy pullback because the bottom map is an inclusion of connected components, and the second condition of [Theorem 2.1.5](#) guarantees that the fiber over an ambigressive  $\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  belonging to  $\mathrm{Fun}'(A_6, \mathcal{D})$  whose restriction to  $\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}})$  is  $\pi e$  is precisely an ambigressive Cartesian functor  $\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  whose restriction to  $\mathrm{sd}(\Delta^{\{0,1\}})$  is  $e$ .

That the second is homotopy pullback follows immediately from [Lemma 2.3.3](#).  $\square$

This proves [Theorem 2.1.5](#).

## 3 Application to presheaves

### 3.1 Introduction

Consider the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{S}$  of spaces. By [6, Lemma 6.1.1.1] and [6, Lemma 2.4.7.12], the functor

$$\mathrm{ev}_1 : \mathrm{Map}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \quad (7)$$

is a bicartesian fibration. For each edge  $f : \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ , corresponding to a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of spaces, the fiber of  $\mathrm{ev}_1$  over  $f$  corresponds to a pair of adjoint functor

$$f_! : \mathcal{S}^{/X} \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{S}^{/Y} : f^*$$

Interpreting  $\mathcal{S}^{/X}$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{/Y}$  as models for the  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(Y)$ , the  $\infty$ -categories of presheaves on  $X$  and  $Y$ , the functor  $f^*$  corresponds to restriction, taking a presheaf  $Y \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  to the pullback  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ , and the functor  $f_!$  takes a presheaf  $X \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  to its left Kan extension along  $X \rightarrow Y$ .

In this section, we apply the construction of the previous chapter to build from these data a functor

$$\hat{r} : \mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Cat}_\infty. \quad (8)$$

This functor will take a space  $X$  to the category of presheaves on  $X$ , denoted  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , and a span of spaces

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ g \swarrow & & \searrow f \\ X & & X' \end{array}$$

to the map  $\mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$  given by the composition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{P}(Y) & \\ g_! \nearrow & & \searrow f^* \\ \mathcal{P}(X) & \xrightarrow{f^* \circ g_!} & \mathcal{P}(X'). \end{array} .$$

Note that the category  $\mathcal{S}$  has products. This induces a symmetric monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{S}$ , the Cartesian monoidal structure, which (as we will see) induces a symmetric monoidal structure on  $\mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{S})$ . When we take  $\mathrm{Cat}_\infty$  also to carry the Cartesian monoidal structure, we will see that our functor  $\hat{r}$  (Equation 8) is even lax monoidal.

The idea behind the construction of the functor  $\hat{r}$ , in broad strokes, is as follows. We dress up the functor  $\mathrm{ev}_1$ , making it into a symmetric monoidal functor as follows (the monoidal structures on  $\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})^\otimes$  and  $\mathcal{S}^\otimes$  are not exactly the standard cocartesian monoidal functors, as we will later discuss; they are

represented by *cartesian*, rather than *cocartesian* fibrations).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})^\otimes & \xrightarrow{r} & \mathcal{S}^\otimes \\ & \searrow q \quad \swarrow p & \\ & \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_*^{\mathrm{op}} & \end{array}$$

We then take spans in each of these categories, restricting the backwards- and forwards-facing legs judiciously so that we get a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Span}(\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}))^\otimes & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{S})^\otimes \\ & \searrow \varpi \quad \swarrow \pi & \\ & \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_* & \end{array},$$

where the  $\varpi$  and  $\pi$  are symmetric monoidal structures and  $\rho$  is a cocartesian fibration. In the language of [5],  $\rho$  exhibits  $\mathrm{Span}(\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}))$  as a  $\mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{S})$ -monoidal category. Restricting to the component of  $\rho$  over  $\langle 1 \rangle \in \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_*$ , one finds a cocartesian fibration, which classifies a functor  $\mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}\mathrm{at}_\infty$ . By [5], 2.4.2.4–2.4.2.6, this functor is lax monoidal, giving us our functor  $\hat{r}$ .

Much of the technology in this section is present in [4]. However, the manner in which we present it allows for generalization in a different direction than that carried out there. This will be the subject of future work.

### 3.2 Defining the maps $p$ , $q$ , and $r$

Recall that for any  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  with finite products, one can construct a symmetric monoidal structure  $\mathcal{C}^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_*$  whose corresponding tensor product  $\times: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is the cartesian product; for more details, see [5, Sec. 2.4.1]. Similarly, as described in [5, Sec. 2.4.2], for any  $\infty$ -category with coproducts there is a symmetric monoidal structure  $\mathcal{C}^\amalg \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_*$ , called the *cocartesian monoidal structure*, whose tensor product  $\amalg: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is the coproduct. Because cocartesian fibrations give better control of the morphisms out of an object than morphisms into an object, the cocartesian monoidal structure is much more tractable than the cartesian monoidal structure.

Since taking coproducts in  $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}}$  is the same as taking products in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we can express the cartesian monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{C}$  as a cartesian fibration by taking the opposite of the cocartesian monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}}$ . In the case  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{S}$ , this gives us the monoidal structure we are interested in.

**Definition 3.2.1.** We define the cartesian fibration  $p: \mathcal{S}_\times \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_*^{\mathrm{op}}$  to be the functor

$$((\mathcal{S}^{\mathrm{op}})^\amalg \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_*)^{\mathrm{op}}.$$

Explicitly, the objects of

**Lemma 3.2.2.** The map  $p$  is a cartesian fibration, with  $p$ -cartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$  those which induce products in the sense of Higher Algebra, reference to come.

We can now define  $q$  and  $r$  in one fell swoop via the following diagram, where the left-hand square is pullback.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & r & & \\
 & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
 \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}_\times) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_1} & \mathcal{S}_\times \\
 q \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\
 \mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_1} & \mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}} \\
 & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
 & & \text{id} & & 
 \end{array}$$

**Lemma 3.2.3.** The map  $q$  is a Cartesian fibration, and the cartesian morphisms are level-wise cartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$ .

*Proof.* The map  $q$  is given by the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}_\times) \\
 q \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}})
 \end{array} .$$

The right-hand map is a Cartesian fibration whose cartesian morphisms are point-wise cartesian morphisms in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$ . The left-hand map is also a Cartesian fibration with the same Cartesian morphisms (that every left-hand cartesian morphism is right-hand cartesian follows from HTT; the other direction follows from the existence of a comparison equivalence between cartesian morphisms).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.4.** The map  $r$  is a bicartesian fibration with  $r$ -cartesian morphisms pullback squares in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$  and  $r$ -cocartesian morphisms squares of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & Y \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X' & \longrightarrow & Y'
 \end{array} .$$

*Proof.* The map  $r$  factors into

$$\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times \xleftarrow{j} \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}_\times) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_1} \mathcal{S}_\times$$

The map  $\text{ev}_1$  is a bicartesian fibration with the morphisms above; the map  $j$  is a full inclusion, and therefore has the right-lifting property with respect to *all*

horn inclusions  $\Lambda_i^n \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  (because  $\Lambda_i^n$  contains all vertices for  $n \geq 2$ ). Every edge in  $\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times$  is therefore both  $j$ -cartesian and  $j$ -cocartesian. HTT 2.4.1.3.3 implies that an edge in  $\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times$  is  $r$ -cartesian (resp. cocartesian) if and only if its image in  $\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}_\times)$  is  $\text{ev}_1$ -cartesian (resp. cocartesian).  $\square$

### 3.3 Restricting the legs of the spans

Our next step is to define the subcategories to which the legs of our spans are allowed to belong. As in [Section 2](#), we do this by defining triples of categories.

Here:

- $\mathcal{F} = \text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}}$
- $\mathcal{F}_\dagger = (\text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}})^\simeq$
- $\mathcal{F}^\dagger = \text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}}$
- $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{S}_\times$ , the Cartesian structure on the  $\infty$ -category of spaces presented as a Cartesian fibration, i.e.  $((\mathcal{S}^{\text{op}})^{\text{II}})^{\text{op}}$
- $\mathcal{P}_\dagger = \mathcal{S}_\times \times_{\text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}}} (\text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}})^\simeq$
- $\mathcal{P}^\dagger = \mathcal{S}_\times$
- $\mathcal{M} = \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times$ , i.e. the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S}_\times) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}}) \end{array}$$

- $\mathcal{M}_\dagger$  is given by the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_\dagger & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}})^\simeq & \longrightarrow & \text{Fin}_*^{\text{op}} \end{array} .$$

- $\mathcal{M}^\dagger$  is given by the subcategory of  $\mathcal{M}$  on morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{f} & T \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

such that  $f$  is  $p$ -cartesian.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>We need to make sure that over  $\text{id}_{\langle n \rangle}$ ,  $f$  is an isomorphism, and this seems like the best way of doing this.

The maps  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are in particular maps  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_{\times} & \xrightarrow{r} & \mathcal{S}_{\times} \\ & \searrow q \quad \swarrow p & \\ & \mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_{*}^{\mathrm{op}} & \end{array}$$

It is not hard to check that  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  restrict to maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{r_{\dagger}} \mathcal{P}_{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{q_{\dagger}} \mathcal{F}_{\dagger} \\ & \searrow q_{\dagger} & \nearrow \\ & & \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{r^{\dagger}} \mathcal{P}^{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{q^{\dagger}} \mathcal{F}^{\dagger} \\ & \searrow q^{\dagger} & \nearrow \\ & & \end{array} .$$

**Lemma 3.3.1.** The morphism  $p$  satisfies the conditions of the Omnibus theorem.

*Proof.* We have to check the conditions of the Omnibus Theorem:

1. We have to show that for any isomorphism in  $\mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_{*}^{\mathrm{op}}$ , there exists a  $p$ -cocartesian lift. But since every morphism in  $\mathcal{F}_{\dagger} = (\mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_{*}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\simeq}$  is an equivalence, it suffices to find a  $p$ -cartesian lift, which is possible because  $p$  is a Cartesian fibration.
2. We need to show that for any commutative square

$$\sigma = \begin{array}{ccc} S' & \xrightarrow{f} & T' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & T \end{array}$$

lying over a square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle n \rangle & \xleftarrow{\cong} & \langle n \rangle \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \langle m \rangle & \xleftarrow{\cong} & \langle m \rangle \end{array}$$

in  $\mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_{*}^{\mathrm{op}}$  (where we have drawn the arrows as they are in  $\mathcal{F}\mathrm{in}_{*}$ ),  $\sigma$  is a pullback square if and only if  $f$  is  $p$ -cocartesian. But  $f$  is lying over an equivalence, so it is  $p$ -cocartesian if and only if it is an equivalence, which in turn is true if and only if the square in question is pullback.

□

**Lemma 3.3.2.** The morphism  $q$  satisfies the conditions of the Omnibus theorem.

*Proof.* We have to check the conditions of the Omnibus Theorem:



1. We have to show that for any isomorphism in  $\mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}}$ , there exists a  $q$ -cocartesian lift. But it suffices to find a  $q$ -cartesian lift, which is possible because  $q$  is a Cartesian fibration.
2. We need to show that for any commutative square in  $\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times$  corresponding to a cube in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
X' & \xrightarrow{F} & Y' & & \\
\downarrow & \searrow \phi & \downarrow & \searrow \psi & \\
& X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & Y & \\
\downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\
S' & \xrightarrow{f} & T' & & \\
& \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \\
& S & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & T & 
\end{array}$$

(where  $\phi$  is  $p$ -cartesian) and lying over a square in  $\mathcal{F}\text{in}_*^{\text{op}}$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\langle n \rangle & \xleftarrow{\simeq} & \langle n \rangle \\
\uparrow & & \uparrow \\
\langle m \rangle & \xleftarrow{\simeq} & \langle m \rangle
\end{array},$$

the morphism  $(F, f)$  is  $p$ -cocartesian if and only if the top and bottom squares are pullback and  $\psi$  is  $p$ -cocartesian. But this again follows because equivalences are  $p$ -cocartesian, and cocartesian morphisms are closed under composition.

□

**Lemma 3.3.3.** The map  $r$  satisfies the conditions of the Omnibus Theorem.

*Proof.*

1. It suffices to show that for each morphism  $T \rightarrow S'$  in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$  lying over  $\langle m \rangle \xleftarrow{\simeq} \langle m \rangle$  and each  $Y \rightarrow T$  in the fiber over  $\langle m \rangle$ , the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
Y & \xlongequal{\quad} & Y \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
T & \longrightarrow & S'
\end{array}$$

is both  $p$ -cocartesian and  $p_+$ -cocartesian, both of which follow from [Lemma 3.2.4](#).

2. We need to show that for any commutative square in  $\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{S})_\times$  corre-

sponding to a cube in  $\mathcal{S}_\times$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
X' & \xrightarrow{F} & Y' & & \\
\downarrow & \searrow \simeq & \downarrow & \searrow \psi & \\
& X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & Y & \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
S' & \xrightarrow{f} & T' & & \\
\downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
& S & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T & 
\end{array}$$

where the bottom square is pullback, the morphism  $(F, f)$  is  $r$ -cocartesian if and only if the top square is pullback and  $\psi$  is an equivalence. This is clear.

□

This gives us the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Span}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}_\dagger, \mathcal{M}^\dagger) & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \text{Span}(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_\dagger, \mathcal{P}^\dagger) \\
& \searrow \varpi & \swarrow \pi \\
& \text{Span}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger) & 
\end{array}$$

## A Appendix

### A.1 Divisibility of bifunctors

In this section, we recall some key results from [1]. We refer readers there for more information.

Let  $\odot: \mathcal{E}_1 \times \mathcal{E}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_3$  be a functor. We will say that  $\odot$  is *divisible on the left* if for each  $A \in \mathcal{E}_1$ , the functor  $A \odot -$  admits a right adjoint  $A \backslash -$ . In this case, this construction turns out also to be functorial in  $A$ ; that is, we get a functor

$$-\backslash -: \mathcal{E}_1^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{E}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_2.$$

Analogously,  $\odot: \mathcal{E}_1 \times \mathcal{E}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_3$  is *divisible on the right* if for each  $B \in \mathcal{E}_2$ , the functor  $- \odot B$  admits a right adjoint  $-/B$ . In this case we get a of two variables

$$-/ -: \mathcal{E}_3 \times \mathcal{E}_2^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1.$$

**Example A.1.1.** It will be helpful to keep in mind the cartesian product

$$- \times -: \text{Set}_\Delta \times \text{Set}_\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}_\Delta.$$

In this case, both  $A \backslash X$  and  $X/A$  are the mapping space  $X^A$ .

If  $\odot$  is divisible on both sides, then there is a bijection between maps of the following types:

$$A \odot B \rightarrow X, \quad A \rightarrow X/B, \quad B \rightarrow A \backslash X.$$

In particular, this implies that the functors  $X/-$  and  $- \backslash X$  are mutually right adjoint.

If both  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  are finitely complete and  $\mathcal{E}_3$  is finitely cocomplete, then from a map  $u: A \rightarrow A'$  in  $\mathcal{E}_1$ , a map  $v: B \rightarrow B'$  in  $\mathcal{E}_2$ , and a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{E}_3$ , we can build the following maps.

- From the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \odot B & \longrightarrow & A' \odot B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A \odot B' & \longrightarrow & A' \odot B' \end{array}$$

we get a map

$$u \odot' v: A \odot B' \amalg_{A \odot B} A' \odot B \rightarrow A' \odot B'.$$

- From the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A' \backslash X & \longrightarrow & A \backslash X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A' \backslash Y & \longrightarrow & A \backslash Y \end{array}$$

we get a map

$$\langle u \backslash f \rangle: A' \backslash X \rightarrow A \backslash X \times_{A \backslash Y} A' \backslash Y$$

- From the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X/B' & \longrightarrow & X/B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Y/B' & \longrightarrow & Y/B \end{array}$$

we get a map

$$\langle f/v \rangle: X/B' \rightarrow X/B \times_{Y/B} Y/B'.$$

**Proposition A.1.2.** With the above notation, the following are equivalent adjoint lifting problems:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \odot B' \amalg_{A \odot B} A' \odot B & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ A' \odot B' & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & X/B' \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ A' & \longrightarrow & X/B \times_{Y/B} Y/B' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A' \backslash X \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\
B' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A \backslash X \times_{A \backslash Y} A' \backslash Y
\end{array}$$

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