

## $\infty$ -cosmos

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"universe in which  $\infty$ -cats live as objects"

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axiomatization of properties of  $\mathcal{Q}Cat + \text{isofib}$ , equiv, trivial fib  
 $\longrightarrow, \xrightarrow{\sim}, \xrightarrow{\sim}$

Def:

$\infty$ -cosmos is a simplicially enriched category  $\mathcal{K}$  i.e.

- objects  $A, B, \dots$  called  $\infty$ -categories
- functor spaces  $\text{Fun}(A, B)$  which are quasi-categories

+ a specified class of isofibrations denoted " $\longrightarrow$ " satisfying:

(write  $f: A \longrightarrow B$  for a vertex in  $\text{Fun}(A, B)$ )

i) Completeness:  $\mathcal{K}$  has a terminal object, products, pullbacks of isofibrations, limits of towers of isofibrations, cotensors with simplicial sets.

ii) Isofibrations contain - isos, maps with codomain  $\mathbb{1}$   
closed under - pullback, products, limits of towers,

•  $f: A \longrightarrow B$  isofib  $\Rightarrow \text{Fun}(X, A) \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(X, B)$  isofib

if  $u \hookrightarrow v$  sSet,  $f \in \text{Fun}(A, B) \Rightarrow A^v \longrightarrow A^u \times_{B^u} B^v$

Def:

A map  $f: A \longrightarrow B \in \text{Fun}(A, B)$  is an equivalence

iff  $f_*: \text{Fun}(X, A) \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(X, B)$  is an equivalence.

Similarly for trivial fibration.

iii) Cofibrancy: trivial fibrations split.

Examples of  $\infty$ -cosmoi:

- $q\text{-Cat}$  - objects are quasi-categories
- $\text{CSS}$  - " complete segal spaces
- $\text{Segal}$  segal spaces
- $1\text{-comp}$  1-simplicial sets

models of  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories  
 " weak categories with  
 • 0-cells = obj  
 • 1-cells  
 • 2-cells  
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 2-cells & higher are invertible

Examples which aren't  $(\infty, 1)$ :

- $\Theta_n$ -spaces
- $\text{CSS}_n = n\text{-fold segal spaces}$
- $n\text{-comp}$
- $\text{Cat}$ ,  $\text{Kan}$ , ...

Digression:

A simplicial category  $\mathcal{K}$  :  $\Delta^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat}$

$$K_0 \rightleftharpoons K_1 \rightleftharpoons K_2 \rightleftharpoons \dots \in \text{Cat}$$

$$\bullet \text{ob } K_0 = \text{ob } \mathcal{K}$$

• face, degeneracy maps are id on objects

we think of  $K_n$  as a category with

obj = objects of  $\mathcal{K}$   
 arrows =  $n$ -arrows  $\rightsquigarrow n$ -simplex in  $\text{Fun}(A, B)$

Def : Cotensors  $B \in \mathcal{K}$   $U \in \mathbf{sSet}$

$B^u$  is defined by

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{K}, \quad \text{Fun}(A, B^u) \cong \text{Fun}(A, B)^u$$

Other limits are limits in the underlying category  $\mathcal{K}_0$  with enriched universal properties.

eg:  $\text{Fun}(X, A \times B) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Fun}(X, A) \times \text{Fun}(X, B) \quad \text{as } \mathbf{qCat} \subseteq \mathbf{sSet}$

Prop:  $\mathbf{qCat}$  is an  $\infty$ -cosmos.

Proof: Leibniz exponential stuff  
 $\Rightarrow A, B \in \mathbf{qCat}$  then  $\text{Fun}(A, B) := B^A$  is a  $\mathbf{qCat}$

Lemma: For  $f: A \rightarrow B \in \text{Fun}(A, B)_0$  TFAE:

- 1)  $f$  is an equivalence
- 2)  $f$  is a homotopy equivalence relative to cotensoring with  $\mathbb{I}$  i.e.  $\exists g: B \rightarrow A$  s.t.  
and  $\alpha, \beta$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ \nearrow & \uparrow \text{ev}_0 & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} A^{\mathbb{I}} & \\ \searrow gf & \downarrow \text{ev}_1 & \\ & A & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & B & \\ \nearrow & \uparrow \text{ev}_0 & \\ B & \xrightarrow{\beta} B^{\mathbb{I}} & \\ \searrow fg & \downarrow \text{ev}_1 & \\ & B & \end{array}$$

Proof:

1)  $\Rightarrow$  2)

Let  $f$  be an equiv  $\Rightarrow \exists$  an equiv  $e \in {}_q\text{Cat}$   
 $f_*: \text{Fun}(B, A) \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(B, B)$

$\exists$  inverse  ${}_q\text{Cat} \ni \tilde{g}: \text{Fun}(B, B) \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(B, A)$   
 let  $g = \tilde{g}(1_B)$

Similarly for the homotopy  $B \longrightarrow B^{\overline{II}}$

For the other homotopy use the maps  $\text{Fun}(A, A) \xrightarrow[\sim]{f_*} \text{Fun}(A, B)$   
 $1_A \xrightarrow{\psi} gf \longmapsto f \cong f g f$

Def<sup>n</sup>: An  $\infty$ -cosmos is cartesian closed if  $\forall A, B, C \in \mathcal{K}$   
 if  $\exists C^A, C^B \in \mathcal{K}$  with natural isoms  
 $\text{Fun}(A \times B, C) \cong \text{Fun}(A, C^B) \cong \text{Fun}(B, C^A)$   
 and  $(-)^A$  preserve isofib.

Prop:  $\text{Cat}$  is an  $\infty$ -cosmos:

- obj = categories
- hom = nerves of  $B^A$
- equiv = equivalences of categories
- trivial fib = surjective equiv.
- isofib :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{I} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ \overline{II} & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$