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Dealing with size issues: take a Grothendieck Universe \mathcal{U} : sets whose subsets are closed under all of the usual set operations (small).

Definition 1.0.1 (∞ -Category)

An ∞ -category \mathcal{C} is a (large) simplicial set \mathcal{C} such that any diagram of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_i^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists & \\ \Delta_n & & \end{array}$$

admits the indicated lift, where Λ_i^n is an i -horn (a simplex missing the i th face) for $0 < i < n$.

Remark 1.0.2: All inner horns are fillable, i.e. simplicial sets are *inner* Kan complexes. Different to Kan complexes, which include all i .

Definition 1.0.3 (Functors between ∞ -categories)

A functor between two ∞ -categories is a map between simplicial sets.