

BASE CHANGE AND LAX KAN EXTENSIONS OF $(\infty, 2)$ -CATEGORIES.

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ABSTRACT. We do basechange and lax kan extensions

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1. PRELIMINARIES ON FIBRATIONS

1.1. Free fibrations.

Definition 1.1.1. Let $\mathbf{AR}^{(\text{op})\text{lax}}(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbf{FUN}^{(\text{op})\text{lax}}([1], \mathbb{C})$ be the $(\text{op})\text{lax}$ arrow $(\infty, 2)$ -category of \mathbb{C} and denote by $\text{ev}_i : \mathbf{AR}^{(\text{op})\text{lax}}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ the functor induced by restriction along the map $\{i\} \rightarrow [1]$. We consider a functor

$$\mathfrak{F}_{(i,j)} : \mathbf{CAT}_{(\infty,2)/\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbf{FIB}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{C}),$$

whose action on objects is as follows:

- Given $p : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ we define $\pi : \mathfrak{F}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{F}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{X}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{X} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ \mathbf{AR}^{\epsilon\text{lax}}(\mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_i} & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

where the map π is induced by ev_{1-i} and $\epsilon = \text{op}$ if $i \neq j$ and $\epsilon = \emptyset$ otherwise.

The universal property of the pullback guarantees that this construction extends to a functor of $(\infty, 2)$ -categories.

2. BASE CHANGE

Definition 2.0.1. Let \mathbb{C} be an $(\infty, 2)$ -category. A *fibrational pattern* $\mathfrak{p} := (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, L)$ is given by:

- A pair (i, j) where $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$ which we call the variance.
- A collection of edges E of \mathbb{C} containing all equivalences.
- A collection of 2-simplices $\sigma : [2] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ containing all commutative triangles.

Given fibrational patterns $\mathfrak{p} = (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, L)$ and $\mathfrak{q} = (\mathbb{D}, (i, j), E', L')$, we say that a functor $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ is a morphism of fibrational patterns if $f(E) \subseteq E'$ and $f(L) \subseteq L'$.

Example 2.0.2. Given an $(\infty, 2)$ -category \mathbb{C} , we denote by $\mathfrak{p}_b^{(i,j)} := (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), b, b)$ the fibrational pattern with variance (i, j) where the collection of edges is given precisely by the equivalences and the collection L is given by the commuting triangles. Dually, we denote $\mathfrak{p}_\#^{(i,j)} = (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), \#, \#)$ the fibrational pattern where every edge (resp. every triangle) belongs to E (resp. L). If the variance is clear from the context we will use the abusive notation \mathfrak{p}_b and $\mathfrak{p}_\#$.

Definition 2.0.3. Let $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$ be the locally full subcategory of $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{C}}$ whose objects are functors $p : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that:

- ▶ There exists i -cartesian lifts of those 1-morphisms in $E_{\mathbb{C}}$.
- ▶ There exists j -cartesian lifts of 2-morphisms in $L_{\mathbb{C}}$ which are stable under composition in \mathbb{X} .

The morphisms in $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$ are precisely those which preserve the i -cartesian (resp. j -cartesian) 1-morphisms (resp. 2-morphisms) above. Given $\mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ in $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$ we denote by $\text{MAP}_{/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ the mapping ∞ -category in $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$.

Remark 2.0.4. Observe that $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p}_b^{(i,j)})}$ is simply given by the slice $(\infty, 2)$ -category $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{C}}$ and that if $\mathfrak{p} = (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, \#)$ then $\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$ is given by $\text{FIB}_{(i,j)}^{E\text{-lax}}(\mathbb{C})$.

Remark 2.0.5. Let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be functor inducing a map of fibrational patterns $\mathfrak{p} \rightarrow \mathfrak{q}$. Then pullback along f induces a functor of $(\infty, 2)$ -categories

$$f^* : \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{D}, \mathfrak{q})} \rightarrow \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$$

which we call the base change functor along f .

Definition 2.0.6. Let $\mathfrak{p} = (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, L)$ be a fibrational pattern and consider a functor $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$. We define the lax basechange functor as the composite

$$f_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\text{lax}} : \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \text{FIB}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}$$

where the first map was given in Definition 1.1.1 and the second map is base change along the map $(\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, L) \rightarrow (\mathbb{D}, (i, j), \#, \#)$ induced by f .

Definition 2.0.7. Let $\mathfrak{p} = (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, L)$ be a fibrational pattern and consider a functor $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$. Then there exists a functor

$$Rf_* : \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})} \rightarrow \text{FUN}((\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{D}})^{\text{op}}, \text{CAT}_{\infty}), \quad (\mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \mapsto \text{MAP}_{/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})}(f_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\text{lax}}(-), \mathbb{X}).$$

Proposition 2.0.8. *The functor*

$$Rf_* : \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})} \rightarrow \text{FUN}((\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{D}})^{\text{op}}, \text{CAT}_{\infty})$$

factors through the composite $\text{FIB}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \text{FUN}((\text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/\mathbb{D}})^{\text{op}}, \text{CAT}_{\infty})$ where the second functor is the Yoneda embedding.

Proof. ss □

Definition 2.0.9. We will call the functor $f_* : \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})} \rightarrow \text{FIB}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{D})$ the *fibrational pushforward* functor.

Theorem 2.0.10. *Let $\mathfrak{p} = (\mathbb{C}, (i, j), E, L)$ be a fibrational pattern and let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be a functor. Then there exists an adjunction of $(\infty, 2)$ -categories:*

$$f^* : \text{FIB}_{(i,j)}(\mathbb{D}) \rightleftarrows \text{CAT}_{(\infty, 2)/(\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p})} : f_*$$