# A push forward construction and the comprehensive factorization for internal crossed modules II

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#### Overview

- ▶ The push forward and the comprehensive factorization in  $\mathsf{XMod}(\mathcal{C})$
- ► A GLANCE AT THE NON-POINTED CONTEXT
- ▶ Some applications to butterflies

Notice. For the purposes of this talk, *category* means *finitely complete* and *finitely cocomplete category*.

1. The push forward construction and the comprehensive factorization in  $\mathsf{XMod}(\mathcal{C})$ 

 In 1973 Street and Walters studied the factorization system on Cat which gives rise to the comprehension scheme for the Lawvere doctrine

$$P \colon \mathbf{Cat}^{op} o \mathbf{Cat}$$
 $X \mapsto \mathbf{Set}^X$ 

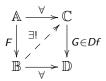
This is called the comprehensive factorization of a functor.

▶ In 1987 Bourn, in order to develop a non-abelian cohomology theory with *n*-groupoids as coefficients, introduced the *comprehensive factorization* for internal functors between groupoids in a Barr-exact category.

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Concerning (internal) functors between **groupoids**, recall: **Fact:** A functor is a *discrete fibration* iff it is a *discrete cofibration* **Definition:** A functor  $F: \mathbb{A} \to \mathbb{B}$  is called *final* when for any discrete fibration G and commutative square as below, there exists a unique diagonal making the triangles commute:



**Theorem** [Bourn 1987] Let  $\mathcal C$  be Barr-exact. Given a morphism  $P\colon \mathbb H\to \mathbb G$  in  $\mathbf{Gpd}(\mathcal C)$ , there is a unique, up to isomorphism, factorization  $P=D\circ\widetilde P$ , with D a discrete fibration and  $\widetilde P$  a final functor.

▶ In 2003 G. Janelidze introduced the notion of internal crossed module in a semi-abelian category.

**Theorem** [Janelidze 2003] Let  $\mathcal C$  be a semi-abelian category. There is an equivalence of categories

$$\textbf{XMod}(\mathcal{C}) \simeq \textbf{Cat}(\mathcal{C})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
G_0 \flat G & G \rtimes G_0 \\
\psi \xi & & \uparrow \\
G & \mapsto & \downarrow \uparrow \\
G_0 & G_0
\end{array}$$

Discrete fibrations have a simple description, in the language of crossed modules: they are morphisms  $(g, g_0)$  with g an iso.

$$\widetilde{G} \xrightarrow{\cong} G \\
\widetilde{\partial}_{\psi} & \downarrow \partial \\
\widetilde{G}_{0} \xrightarrow{g_{0}} G_{0}$$

What about final functors?

The push forward construction can help in answering this question.

Notice: we call *final* the morphisms of crossed modules corresponding to final functors.

### Notation

**Lemma/Notation** In a semi-abelian category  $\mathcal C$  we consider the following morphism of split extensions

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \longrightarrow D & \xrightarrow{p'} E \\
\parallel & f' \downarrow & \downarrow f \\
X \longrightarrow A & \xrightarrow{p} B
\end{array}$$

#### Then

- ▶ the square on the right is a split pullback
- ▶ if  $\xi$  : B $\flat X \to X$  is the action determined by p on its kernel, then  $f^*(\xi)$  :

$$E \triangleright X \xrightarrow{f \triangleright 1_X} B \triangleright X \xrightarrow{\xi} X$$

coincides with the action determined by p' on its kernel.

In a semi-abelian category C, we consider the following data:

$$H_0 \flat H \xrightarrow{\xi} H \xrightarrow{\partial} H_0$$

$$\downarrow p$$

$$H_0 \flat G \xrightarrow{\alpha} G$$

- ▶ a crossed module  $\mathbb{H} = (\partial \colon H \to H_0, \xi)$
- ▶ an arrow  $p: H \rightarrow G$
- ▶ an internal action  $\alpha$ :  $H_0 \triangleright G \rightarrow G$

The push forward construction gives a universal way to "extend" the crossed module  $\partial$  along the map p.

Some conditions have to be fulfilled:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} H_0 \flat H \stackrel{\xi}{\longrightarrow} H & (H \rtimes_{\xi} H_0) \flat G \stackrel{\varphi \flat 1}{\longrightarrow} H_0 \flat G \\ \downarrow^{p} & (p \rtimes_{1}) \flat 1 & \downarrow^{\alpha} \\ H_0 \flat G \stackrel{}{\longrightarrow} G & (G \rtimes_{\alpha} H_0) \flat G \stackrel{}{\longrightarrow} G \end{array}$$

must commute, where

- $\varphi \colon H \rtimes_{\xi} H_0 \to H_0$  is the domain map of  $\mathbb{H}$
- $\chi_{|}=\chi_{G}^{G \rtimes H_{0}}$  is the conjugation action

Then there exist

$$H_{0} \flat H \xrightarrow{\xi} H \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{0}$$

$$\widetilde{\rho}_{0} \flat \rho \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \rho \qquad \qquad \downarrow \widetilde{\rho}_{0}$$

$$\widetilde{G}_{0} \flat G \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\xi}} G \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\partial}} \widetilde{G}_{0}$$

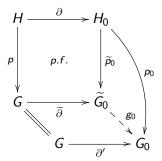
- ightharpoonup a  $\widetilde{\mathbb{G}}=(\widetilde{\partial}\colon G o \widetilde{G}_0,\widetilde{\xi})$ , with  $\widetilde{G}_0=G\rtimes_{lpha}^HH_0$
- a morphism of crossed modules

$$\widetilde{P}$$
:  $(p, \widetilde{p}_0)$ :  $\mathbb{H} \to \widetilde{\mathbb{G}}$ 

such that  $\widetilde{p}_0^*(\widetilde{\xi}) = \alpha$ .

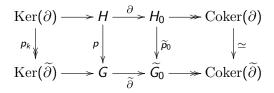
Moreover this construction is universal with respect to all morphisms of crossed modules

- underlying the same p
- lacktriangle inducing by pullback the same action lpha



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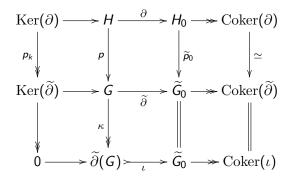
Proposition In a push forward diagram



- ▶ the induced map on cokernels is an iso
- ▶ the restriction map  $p_K$  on kernels is a regular epi, with  $\operatorname{Ker}(p_K) = \operatorname{Ker}(p) \cap \operatorname{Ker}(\partial)$ .

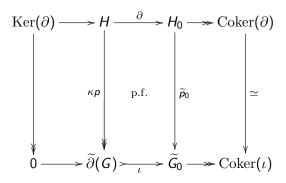
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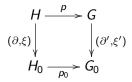
Consequences:  $p(\text{Ker}(\partial)) = \text{Ker}(\widetilde{\partial})$ , and the following is a push forward:



# The push forward inside a morphism

A special situation is determined by the push forward construction developed *inside* a given morphism of crossed modules.

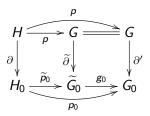
Consider the morphism  $P = (p, p_0) \colon \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{G}$ :



The action  $p_0^*(\xi')$  always satisfies the conditions for the construction of the push forward of  $\partial$  along p.

# The push forward inside a morphism

The universal property thus yields a factorization of P:

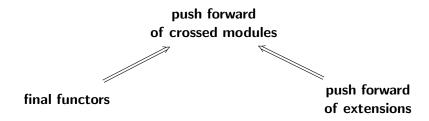


**Theorem** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be semi-abelian, and  $P = (p, p_0) \colon \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{G}$  a morphism in **XMod**( $\mathcal{C}$ ). T.F.A.E.

- ▶ P is the push forward of  $\partial$  along p, w.r.t. the action  $p^*(\xi)$
- ▶ *P* is final

Thus the push forward gives a way to actually perform the final/discrete fibration construction for morphisms of crossed modules

...also it gives a common framework where to place two apparently unrelated situations:



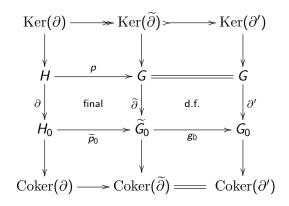
Combining the theorem with the proposition above, one gets the following characterization:

**Corollary** A morphism of crossed modules is final iff it induces an isomorphism between the cokernels and a regular epimorphism between the kernels.

It is interesting to translate this for internal groupoids. Recall that for a groupoid  $\mathbb{G}$ , we define

- $\pi_0(\mathbb{G}) = \operatorname{Coeq}(d, c) = \operatorname{Coker}(\partial)$
- $\qquad \qquad \pi_1(\mathbb{G}) = \operatorname{Ker}(c) \cap \operatorname{Ker}(d) = \operatorname{Ker}(\partial)$

**Corollary** An internal functor is final iff it induces an isomorphism between the  $\pi_0$ 's and a regular epimorphism between the  $\pi_1$ 's.



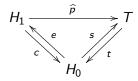
2. The push forward in the non-pointed context

- ► The final / discrete fibration factorization system for internal groupoids has shown to be a useful tool for developing intrinsic categorical algebra in Barr-exact, Mal'tsev categories.
- One may ask if the push forward construction has a corresponding non-pointed version in such a context.
- ▶ The answer is yes.

Notice. Throughout this section we refer to internal groupoids, but keep in mind that, since the base category is Mal'tsev, all internal categories are groupoids, so that all could be stated in terms of internal categories.

**Theorem** Consider  $\mathbb{H} = \{ H_1 \xrightarrow{\stackrel{d}{\longleftarrow}} H_0 \}$  a groupoid

in  ${\mathcal C}$  Barr-exact Mal'tsev, together with a morphism  $\widehat{{m p}}$  of split epis



such that

$$d^*((t,s))\simeq\widehat{
ho}^*((t_2,\Delta)) \qquad egin{array}{cccc} T &\longleftarrow P &\longrightarrow R_t \ t & \downarrow \uparrow s & \downarrow t \downarrow \uparrow ar{s} & t_2 \downarrow \uparrow \Delta \ H_0 &\longleftarrow H_1 &\longrightarrow T \end{array}$$

then there exists a groupoid  $\widetilde{\mathbb{G}}=\{G_1 \xrightarrow{\stackrel{d}{\underbrace{e} \xrightarrow{e}}} G_0\}$  and a functor

$$\widetilde{P}=(\widetilde{p}_1,\widetilde{p}_0)\colon \mathbb{G} o \widetilde{\mathbb{G}}$$
 such that:

$$\widetilde{
ho}_0^*((c,e)) = (t,s)$$
 $T \longrightarrow \widetilde{G}_1$ 
 $t \mid s \quad c \mid e$ 
 $H_0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{G}_0$ 

Moreover, for any other  $P=(p_1,p_0)\colon \mathbb{H}\to \mathbb{G}$  such that

$$p_0^*((c,e)) = (t,s)$$
 $T \xrightarrow{\overline{p_0}} G_1$ 
 $t | \uparrow_s \ c | \uparrow_e \ mod \overline{p_0} \widehat{p} = p_1,$ 
 $H_0 \xrightarrow{p_0} G_0$ 

then there exists a unique functor (a discrete fibration)  $\widetilde{G}:\widetilde{\mathbb{G}}\to\mathbb{G}$  such that

$$\widetilde{G}\widetilde{P} = P \qquad \qquad \mathbb{H} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{P}} \widetilde{\mathbb{G}} \qquad \qquad \bigvee_{P} \bigvee_{\widetilde{\mathbb{G}}} \widetilde{G}$$

We can replicate the main result for crossed module in the non-pointed context.

**Theorem** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be Barr-exact and Mal'tsev, and  $P = (p_1, p_0) \colon \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{G}$  a morphism in  $\mathbf{Gpd}(\mathcal{C})$ . T.F.A.E.

- ▶ P is the push forward of  $\partial$  along  $p_1$ , w.r.t.  $p^*((c,e))$  + the comparison map  $\widehat{p}$
- ▶ *P* is final

The full treatment of the non-pointed case is currently under investigation...

3. Some applications to butterflies

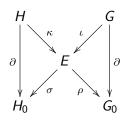
#### **Butterflies**

Finally we recollect some applications of the push forward construction.

## **Butterflies**

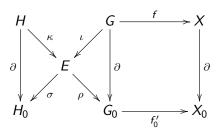
Internal butterflies (Abbad, Vitale, Mantovani and M.) intrinsically describe weak morphisms of crossed modules.

A butterfly  $E: \mathbb{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}$  is a diagram satisfying four axioms:

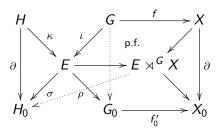


- 1.  $(\kappa, \rho)$  is a complex
- 2.  $(\iota, \sigma)$  is short exact
- 3. and 4. left and right wings equivariance

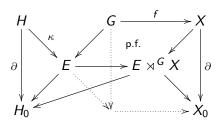
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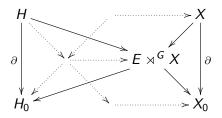
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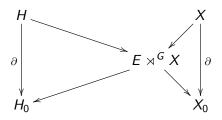
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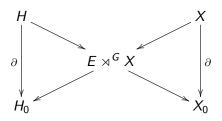
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From (Joyal and Street, 1986) we know that a braided 2-group can be described as 2-group  $\mathbb G$  for which the tensor product

 $\otimes_{\mathbb{G}}\colon \mathbb{G}\times\mathbb{G}\to\mathbb{G}$  is a monoidal functor.

If  $\mathbb G$  is strict, this corresponds to a a braided crossed module of groups in the sense of (Conducé 1983):

 $\partial \colon G \to G_0$  is endowed with a map

$$\{ , \} : G_0 \times G_0 -- > G$$

satisfying, for any x, y, z in  $G_0$ , and a, b in G,

1. 
$$\{x, y + z\} = y \cdot \{x, z\} + \{x, y\}$$

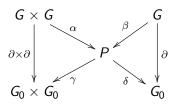
2. 
$$\{x + y, z\} = \{x, z\} + x \cdot \{y, z\}$$

$$3. \ \partial\{x,y\} = [y,x]$$

4. 
$$\{\partial a, x\} = x \cdot a - a$$

5. 
$$\{y, \partial b\} = b - y \cdot b$$

Extending the approach of Joyal and Street, we get: **Definition** - **Proposition**. A crossed module  $\mathbb{G}$  is braided (corresponding to a braided groupoid) if(f) it is equipped with a butterfly P and two morphisms  $s_1, s_2 \colon G_0 \to P$ 



such that some diagrams commute.

What about Conducé approach?

With any braided internal crossed module is associated a morphism  $c: G_0 \otimes G_0 \to G$ , where  $G_0 \otimes G_0$  is the co-smash product in the sense of (Carboni Janelidze 2003).

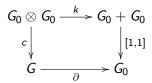
$$0 \longrightarrow G_0 \otimes G_0 \xrightarrow{k} G_0 + G_0 \xrightarrow{\stackrel{1}{0} \stackrel{1}{0} \stackrel{0}{1}} G_0 \times G_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

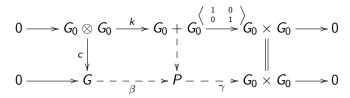
$$\downarrow c \mid \qquad \qquad \downarrow [s_1, s_2] \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \downarrow [s_1, s_2] \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \downarrow [s_2, s_2] \qquad \downarrow [s_1, s_2] \qquad \parallel \qquad \downarrow [s_2, s_2] \qquad \downarrow [s_2, s_2$$

In fact  $\beta$  is the push forward of k along c.

Now, c is the internal version of Conducé's  $\{\ ,\ \}$ , so that it is possible to characterize braided crossed modules as those crossed modules  $\partial$  endowed with a morphism  $c\colon G_0\otimes G_0\to G$  that produces such a butterfly.

The axioms are not-so-nice commutative diagrams (hope to get them simpler!). One of them gives the action:





What is remarkable here is that the canonical short exact sequence of the co-smash product encodes all the braidings over  $G_0$ , moreover the map c contains most of the cohomological information necessary to produce the extension  $(\beta, \gamma)$ .



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