

# Double categories of relations relative to factorisation systems

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# Introduction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Objects} \quad \text{Morphisms} \quad \text{Relations in } \mathcal{C} \\
 \text{in } \mathcal{C} \quad + \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C} \quad + \quad R \rightarrow A \times B \quad + \dots \\
 & & & \text{Spans in } \mathcal{C} \\
 & & & X \xrightarrow{\langle f, g \rangle} A \times B
 \end{array}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Double categories  $\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$ .

What is a common generalization?

How can we characterize them?

## Structure

1. Double categories
2. How should double categories of relations be?
3. The correspondence between DCRs and SOFSS
  - Cauchy double categories of relations
4. Conclusions and future work

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# Double categories

A double category  $\mathbb{D}$  consists of the following data :

- objects  $A, B, C, \dots$

- vertical arrows  $\begin{array}{c} A \\ f \downarrow \\ B \end{array}, \dots$

- horizontal arrows  $A \xrightarrow{R} B, \dots$

- cells  $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow[S]{} & D \end{array}, \dots$

with compositions of vertical arrows / horizontal arrows / cells such that  $\dots$ .

# Examples

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Rel (Set)

objects : sets , vertical arrows : functions

horizontal arrows : (binary) relations

composition of horizontal arrows :

$$A \xrightarrow{R} B \xrightarrow{S} C := A \xrightarrow{\{(a,c) \mid \exists b \in B \ a R b \wedge b S c\}} C$$

cells : In this case, at most one cell can exist for each frame.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \nwarrow & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow[S]{} & D \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \forall a \in A \ \forall c \in C \\ a R c \Rightarrow f(a) S g(c) \end{array}$$

# Examples

$\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$  for a finitely complete category  $\mathcal{C}$

objects : objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ , vertical arrows : arrows in  $\mathcal{C}$

horizontal arrows : spans

$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{R} B}{\begin{array}{c} A \xleftarrow{l_R} R \xrightarrow{r_R} B \\ \hline \end{array}} \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

composition of horizontal arrows :

$$A \xrightarrow{R} B \xrightarrow{S} C := \begin{array}{ccccc} & & P & & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ A & \xleftarrow{l_R} & R & \xrightarrow{r_R} & S \xrightarrow{r_S} C \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\ & & B & \xleftarrow{l_S} & \end{array}$$

cells :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow[S]{} & D \end{array} \quad \parallel \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & l_R & & r_R \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ A & \xleftarrow{l_R} & R & \xrightarrow{r_R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \xleftarrow[l_S]{} & S & \xrightarrow[r_S]{} & D \end{array} \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

# Some Definitions

$\mathbb{D}$  : a double category

- the vertical category  $V(\mathbb{D})$  is a category consisting of objects and vertical arrows in  $\mathbb{D}$ .
- the horizontal bicategory  $H(\mathbb{D})$  is a bicategory whose 0-cells are objects, 1-cells are horizontal arrows, and 2-cells are cells with the identity vertical arrows in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} V(\mathbb{D}) \\ \text{A} \\ f \downarrow \\ \text{B} \\ g \downarrow \\ \text{C} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H(\mathbb{D}) \\ A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \\ \text{A} \xrightarrow{\quad R \quad} \text{B} \\ \text{A} \xrightarrow{\quad S \quad} \text{B} \end{array} := \begin{array}{ccc} & \text{A} & \xrightarrow{\quad R \quad} \text{B} \\ & \parallel & \alpha \\ & \text{A} & \xrightarrow{\quad S \quad} \text{B} \end{array}$$

# Historical Remarks

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## Rel Span

1984	•	Carboni, Kasangian, and Street defined bicategories of spans and bicategories of relations on regular categories.
1987	•	Carboni and Walters characterized bicategories of relations on regular categories
2010	•	Lack, Walters, and Wood characterized bicategories of spans.
2018	•	Aleiferi characterized? double categories of spans
2022	•	Lambert characterized double categories of relations on regular categories

↓ DC

# Historical Remarks continued & Motivations

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Kelly defined bicategories of relations relative to  
stable proper factorization systems ( $E, M$ ).

↳ e.g.,  $(\text{Surj}, \text{Inj})$  in  $\text{Set}$

$M$ -relation  $A \xrightarrow{R} B \parallel R \rightarrow A \times B \in M$

## Motivation

To characterize double categories of relations  
relative to stable orthogonal factorization systems.

This treatment includes DCs of spans / relations.

# Some Definitions

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## Definition

A **stable orthogonal factorization system** (SOFS) on a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a pair of classes of morphisms  $(E, M)$  such that:

(i)  $E$  and  $M$  are closed under composition and contain isos.

(ii)  $E$  and  $M$  are orthogonal :

$$\mathcal{C} \ni \begin{array}{c} \exists! \\ \downarrow \alpha \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \\ \downarrow \alpha \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \end{array} \in M$$

(iii) Every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  is factored as  $\bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet$ .

(iv)  $E$  is stable under pullback.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bullet \\ \pi & & \pi \\ E & & M \end{array}$$

If is proper if  $M \subseteq \text{Mono}$ ,  $E \subseteq \text{Epi}$

$\text{Rel}_{(E,M)}(\mathcal{C})$  is the double category whose vertical arrows are arrows in  $\mathcal{C}$  and horizontal arrows are  $M$ -relations.

# Why double categories?

A. They have potentials of rich structures and enable us to describe behaviours of relations effectively!

## Bicategories

$$A \xrightarrow{R} B$$

- have compositions
- ✗ have no 'functions'

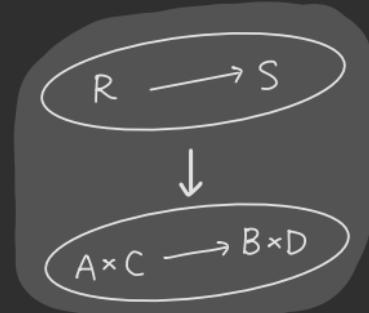
## Fibered Categories

- ✗ have no compositions
- have 'functions' on the base

## Double Categories

- have compositions
- have 'functions'

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \uparrow i & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow[S]{\quad} & D \end{array}$$



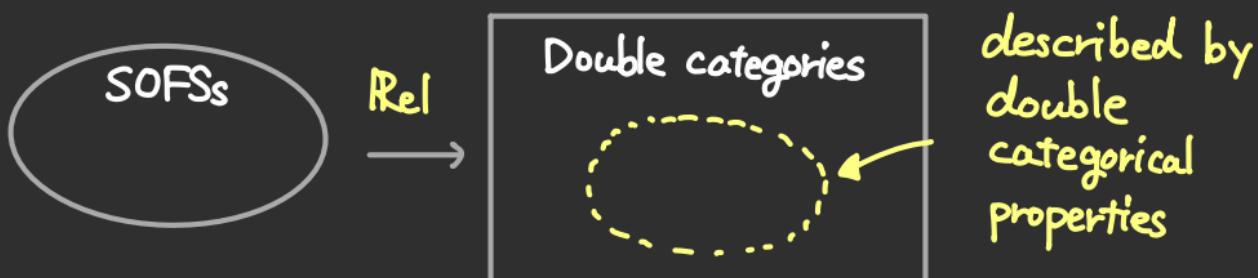
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## Cartesian double categories

Since  $M$ -relations  $A \rightarrow B$  are defined as  $M$ -subobjects of  $A \times B$ , we assume double categories to be cartesian.

A double category  $\mathbb{D}$  is cartesian iff (if it is an equipment)

- $V(\mathbb{D})$  has finite products
- $H(\mathbb{D})$  has local finite products, i.e.,  $H(\mathbb{D})(A, B)$  has finite products for any  $A, B \in \mathbb{D}$
- these products 'respect' horizontal composition

More precisely, it is a cartesian object in the 2-cat  $DblCat$ .

# Functions → Relations

In  $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$ , every function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  defines binary relations called the graphs of  $f$ :

$$A \xrightarrow{f^*} B := \{(a, b) \mid f(a) = b\}.$$

$$B \xrightarrow{f^*} A := \{(b, a) \mid b = f(a)\}.$$

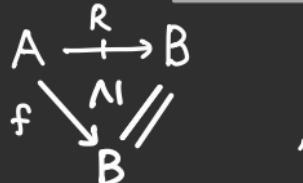
Remark the identity horizontal arrow in  $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$  is defined by the equality relation  $=$ .

We have two cells

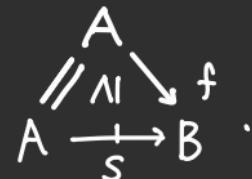
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \xrightarrow{f^*} B & , & A \not\equiv A \\ f \downarrow \wedge \parallel & , & \parallel \wedge \downarrow f \\ B \not\equiv B & , & A \xrightarrow{f_*} B \end{array}$$

# Functions → Relations

$f_*$  is the largest relation among those  $R$ 's with

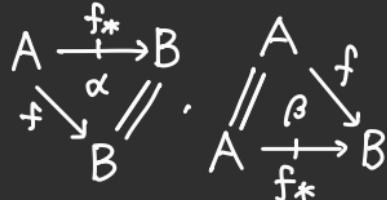


and also the smallest one among those  $S$ 's with



A double category  $\mathbb{D}$  is called an equipment iff

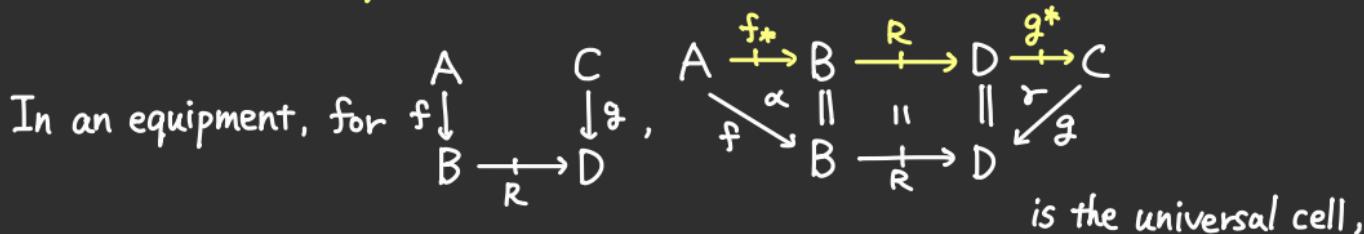
for  $\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \\ \downarrow f & , & \text{there exist two universal cells} \\ B & & \end{array}$



s.t.  $\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{R} & D \\ s \downarrow & \exists & t \downarrow \\ A & & B \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{R} & D \\ s \downarrow & \exists! & t \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{f_*} & B \\ \downarrow \alpha & \text{Al } & \swarrow \\ B & & \end{array}$  and ... , and there exist

$f^*: B \rightarrow A \dots$

# Restrictions / extensions



This is called restriction of  $R$   
along  $f$  and  $g$ .

A cell with such a universal  
property is called cartesian.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{s} & F \\ \downarrow s & \exists & \downarrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad R \quad} & D \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{s} & F \\ \downarrow s & \exists! & \downarrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{f_* R g^*} & C \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad R \quad} & D \end{array}$$

Example In  $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ \downarrow f & \text{cart} & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad R \quad} & D \end{array} \quad \{(a, c) \mid f(a) R g(c)\}$$

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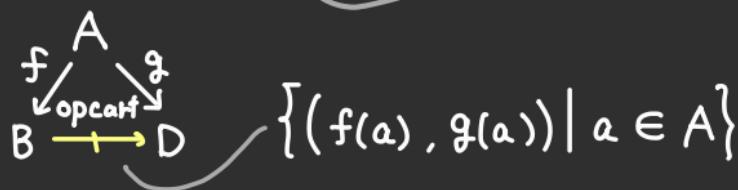
Dually, for  $f: A \rightarrow C$ ,  $g: B \rightarrow D$ , an extension  $f \downarrow_{\text{opcart}} g$  is the universal cell for downward composition. Such a cell is called **opcartesian**.

**Example** In  $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{Q} & C \\ f \downarrow_{\text{opcart}} & & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D \end{array}$$

$\{(f(a), g(c)) \mid a \in A, c \in C\}$

In particular,



# Relations → Functions

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In Set, a relation  $A \xrightarrow{R} B$  is expressed by two projections from  $|R| = \{(a, b) \mid a R b\}$ :  $A \xleftarrow{\pi_1} |R| \xrightarrow{\pi_2} B$ .

These two morphisms have the following property:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{(f(x), g(x))\} & \xrightarrow{X} & \\ \cap & f \swarrow \pi_1 \searrow g & \\ R & A \xrightarrow[R]{} B & = \\ & & \begin{array}{c} f \\ \curvearrowright \\ \pi_1 \end{array} \quad |R| \quad \begin{array}{c} g \\ \curvearrowright \\ \pi_2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Moreover,  $A \xrightarrow{R} B$  is recoverable from  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |R| & & \\ \pi_1 \swarrow \quad \searrow \pi_2 & & \\ A \xrightarrow[R]{} B & \text{is opcartesian.} & R = \{(\pi_1(x), \pi_2(x))\} \end{array}$$

# Relations → Functions

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A tabulator of a horizontal arrow  $A \xrightarrow{R} B$  is an object  $|R|$

with 

satisfying the following universal property:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & & \\ f \swarrow \quad \downarrow \alpha \quad \searrow g & = & \begin{array}{c} f \curvearrowleft X \curvearrowright g \\ \exists! \downarrow \\ l \quad |R| \quad r \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ A \xrightarrow[R]{\quad} B \end{array} \end{array}$$

The tabulator is called strong  
if  $\tau$  is opcartesian.

Plus, a relation  $A \xrightarrow{R} B$  is a subset  $R$  of  $A \times B$ .

In general, we expect a relation  $A \xrightarrow{R} B$  to be a "sub" of  $A \times B$ .

# Relations → Functions

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A class  $M$  of morphisms in a category is called a **stable system** if it contains all iso's, is closed under composition, and stable under pullback.

For a stable system  $M$ , an  $M$ -relation  $R: A \rightarrow B$  is a morphism  $R \rightarrow A \times B$  in  $M$ .

In  $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & |R| & \\ l \swarrow & & \searrow r \\ A & \xrightarrow[\tau]{R} & B \end{array} : \text{tabulator} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} |R| \\ \downarrow \langle l, r \rangle \in \text{Mono.} \\ A \times B \end{array}$$

For a horizontal arrow  $R$ , its tabulator is called an  $M$ -tabulator if  $\langle l, r \rangle \in M$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & |R| & \\ l \swarrow & & \searrow r \\ A & \xrightarrow[\tau]{R} & B \end{array}$$

# M-comprehension scheme

If  $\mathbb{D}$  has M-tabulators for every horizontal arrow  
for a stable system  $M$  in  $V(\mathbb{D})$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})(A, B) \xrightleftharpoons[\text{tab}]{\perp} M/A \times B \xrightarrow{\text{full}} V(\mathbb{D})/A \times B$$



$$\langle f, g \rangle \in M$$

$\mathbb{D}$  is said to admit an M-comprehension scheme if the adjoints  
are equivalences.

# Beck-Chevalley pullbacks

$\mathbb{D}$  has Beck-Chevalley pullbacks if  $V(\mathbb{D})$  has all pullbacks

and every  $\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ s \swarrow & \diagdown t & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ f \searrow & \diagup g & \\ & C & \end{array}$  is factored as  $\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ s \swarrow & \text{opcart} & \searrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ f \searrow & \text{cart} & \swarrow g \\ & C & \end{array}$ .

Example  $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$  has Beck-Chevalley pullbacks :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & |P| & \\ A & \xleftarrow{\text{opcart}} & \{ (a,b) \mid f(a) = g(b) \} =: P \\ & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\ f \searrow & \text{cart} & \swarrow g \\ & C & \end{array}$$

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Remark Another equivalent condition is given in the paper without "the variable  $M$ ", and purely double categorically.

$\text{SOFS } (E, M)$	M-relations	$\text{Rel}_{(E,M)}$
(Regepi, Mono) in a regular category	(usual) relations	$\text{Rel}(E)$ [Lam21]
(Iso, Mor) in a finitely complete category	spans	$\text{Span}(E)$
(Epi, Regmono) in a quasi-topos	strong relations	

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# Correspondence of SOFSs and DCRs

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Properties of SOFSs are translated to those of DCRs

The correspondence of SOFSs and DCRs (TABLE1 in HN.)

SOFSs	DCRs
<p style="text-align: center;">SOFS</p> <pre>graph TD; SOFS --&gt; leftproper; SOFS --&gt; rightproper; leftproper --&gt; antirightproper; leftproper --&gt; regularSOFS; rightproper --&gt; proper; rightproper --&gt; regularSOFS; antirightproper --&gt; IsoMor; proper --&gt; regularSOFS;</pre> <p>(Iso, Mor)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DCR</p> <pre>graph TD; DCR --&gt; unitpure; DCR --&gt; locallyPreordered; unitpure --&gt; unitpureCauchy; unitpure --&gt; locallyPosetal; unitpureCauchy --&gt; SpanC; unitpureCauchy --&gt; RelC; locallyPosetal --&gt; RelC;</pre> <p><math>\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})</math> <math>(\mathcal{C} : \text{fin-complete})</math></p> <p><math>\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C})</math> <math>(\mathcal{C} : \text{regular})</math></p>

# Cauchy equipments

$\mathcal{C}$  is Cauchy complete (idempotent complete) iff

for any adjunction of profunctors  $\mathcal{D} \xrightleftharpoons[\mathcal{Q}]{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{C}$  from a small category,

there exists a functor  $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  with  $\mathcal{P} \cong \mathcal{C}(F-, -)$ .

(cf. Prof : DC of categories, functors, and profunctors)

In an equipment  $\mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \\ f \downarrow & \rightsquigarrow & \\ B & & \end{array}$$

$$A \xrightleftharpoons[\mathcal{f}^*]{\mathcal{f}_*} B \text{ in } \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})$$

unit

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ & \swarrow f \downarrow \searrow & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\text{opc.}} & B \xrightarrow{\text{opc.}} A \\ & \mathcal{f}_* & \mathcal{f}^* \end{array}$$

counit

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & B & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{f}^*} & A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{f}_*} B \\ & & \swarrow \text{cart.} & \downarrow f & \searrow \text{cart.} \\ & & B & & \end{array}$$

This kind of adjunctions is called representable.

# Cauchy equipments

An equipment  $\mathbb{D}$  is called Cauchy if any adjunction in  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})$  is representable. (Paré '21)

## Example

$\text{Prof}_{cc}$  : double categories of small Cauchy complete categories, functors, and profunctors

Q. How does this condition behave in a DCR ?

# What is Cauchy DCR?

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If we think of horizontal arrows as binary predicates

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{P} \\[-1ex] \perp \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{Q} \end{array} B \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} (\text{unit}) \quad \forall a:A \ \exists b:B \quad P(a,b) \wedge Q(b,a) \\ (\text{counit}) \quad \forall b,b':B, \forall a:A \quad Q(b,a) \wedge P(a,b') \rightarrow b = b' \end{cases}$$
$$\Rightarrow \forall a:A \ \exists! b:B \quad P(a,b)$$

Cauchy condition behaves as the unique choice principle :

$$\forall a:A \ \exists! b:B \quad P(a,b) \implies \exists^* f:A \rightarrow B \quad P = f_*$$

Proposition [Kelly '91]

For a proper SOFS  $(E, M)$ ,

a left adjoint  $M$ -relation is of the form  $A \xleftarrow{e} X \xrightarrow{f} B$

where  $e \in E \cap \text{Mono}$ .

In particular, for a regular category  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C})$  is Cauchy.

Proposition [Carboni, Kasangian, Street '84 (in terms of DC)]

$\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$  is Cauchy.

# Cauchy unit-pure DCR

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A double category is called unit-pure if

a cell of the form  $\begin{array}{c} A \rightleftharpoons A \\ f \downarrow \alpha \downarrow g \\ B \rightleftarrows B \end{array}$  must be  $\begin{array}{c} A \rightleftharpoons A \\ f \downarrow \neq \downarrow f \\ B \rightleftarrows B \end{array}$ .

Theorem [HN.]

In a unit-pure DCR  $\text{Rel}_{(E,M)}(\mathcal{C})$ , a horizontal left adjoint

is of the form  $\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ e \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow f \\ A & & B \end{array}$  where  $e \in E \cap \text{Mono}$ .

# Cauchy unit-pure DCR

We have

$$\boxed{\text{Cauchy unit-pure DCRs} = \text{DCRs with } \text{Mono} \subseteq M}$$

because a unit-pure DCR is Cauchy iff  
 $E \cap \text{Mono} = \text{Iso} \iff \text{Mono} \subseteq M$ .

There is also a "Cauchization" 2-functor

$$\text{CauchyUnitpureDCR} \xleftarrow[\perp]{\text{Cau}(-)} \text{UnitpureDCR}$$

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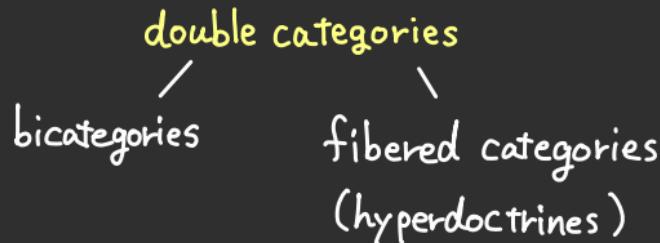
## Conclusions

- We defined double categories of relations and characterized them using comprehension schemes which involve some double-categorical universal properties.
- Cauchy DCRs are those admitting "unique choice" and correspond to SOFs (E, M) with Mono CM.
- Other significant classes of SOFs correspond to those of DCRs.

## Future Work

Extending the correspondences to non-stable OFSs, AWFSs, etc.

Developing logic in double categories




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horizontal composition  $\leftrightarrow$  existential quantifier

horizontal identity  $\leftrightarrow$  equality

# Thank you!

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