

# Cauchy Completions and Lax Additivity

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How-categories admit small colimits  
composition preserves them

**Motivation:** A lax semiadditive  $(\infty, 2)$ -cat. is a locally cocomplete

large  $(\infty, 2)$ -cat  $\mathbb{C}$  admitting lax colimits over small  $\infty$ -categories

It is lax additive if it is locally stable.

**Fact:** In both cases, lax limit & colimit of any diagram coincide.

categories  
Lax matrix  
calculus

Further they are absolute, i.e. any locally cocontinuous functor preserves them.

**[Thm]** [Angus, WIP]  $\mathbf{Prof}$  is the free lax semiadditive category generated

by the point, in the sense that  $\forall \mathbb{D}$  lax semiadd. we have

$$\mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{loc. cocont.}}(\mathbf{Prof}, \mathbb{D}) \simeq \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{loc. cocont.}}(\mathbf{BS}, \mathbb{D}) \simeq \mathbb{D}$$

**Q:** What is the free lax additive category? Maybe  $\mathbf{Prof}^{\mathrm{ex}}$ ?

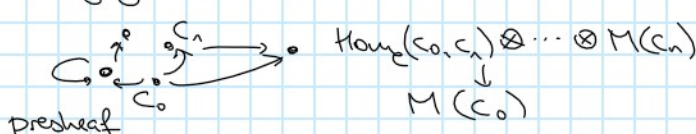
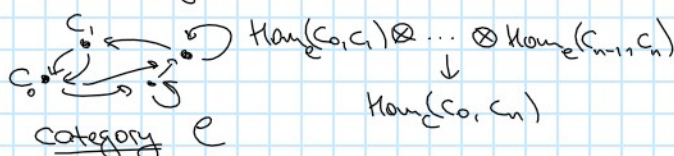
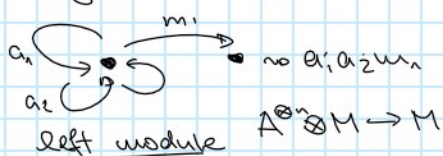
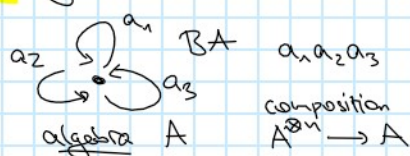
- What about similar categories, e.g. enriched profunctors?
- Conceptual reason?

→ Will answer those, up to some caveats.

$\mathcal{V}$  presentably monoidal  $\infty$ -category, i.e.  
[closed monoidal, cocomplete, presentable set-theoretic condition]

## Enriched $\infty$ -categories & Cauchy-completions

**Idea:** Algebras / Monoids are 1-object categories!



regard A as 1-obj.  
category BA

Algebras

Enriched  $\infty$ -categories

algebra  $A, B \in \mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{V})$

left module  $A M$

right "  $N A$

bimodule  $A P B$

algebra homom.  $f: A \rightarrow B$

$\mathbf{LMod}_A(\mathbf{Ab}) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$

$\mathrm{Hom}_A(A M, A' M) \in \mathbf{Ab}$

enriched  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \mathbf{Cat}(\mathcal{V})$

presheaf

copresheaf

profunctor

enriched functor  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

$\mathbf{PSh}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{C}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}$

$\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{C} M, -): \mathbf{PSh}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$

$\mathcal{C} M \in \mathbf{PSh}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{e^{\mathrm{op}}} \mathcal{V}$   
differentiate



$$\text{Hom}_A({}_A M, {}_A M) \in \text{Ab}$$

Weighted limit

$$N_A \otimes_A {}_A M \in \text{Ab}$$

$$= \text{coeqn}(N \otimes A \otimes M \rightrightarrows M \otimes N)$$

Weighted colimit

$$\text{Hom}(eM, -) : \text{PShr}(e) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$

right adjoint to  $eM \otimes - : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \text{PShr}(e)$

$$N_e \otimes_e eM \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$= \text{colim}_{\Delta^{\text{op}}} (\dots \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{colim}_{c_0 \in e} N(c_0) \otimes \text{Hom}_e(c_0, c_1) \otimes M(c_1))$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$\text{colim}_{c_0 \in e} N(c_0) \otimes M(c_0)$$

trivial bimodule  $A \ A$

$$\text{Nat}_A({}_A A, {}_A M) \cong {}_A M$$

$${}_A A \otimes_A {}_A M \cong {}_A M$$

$f^*(B M')$  restriction of scalars,

$f_*(A M) = B \otimes_A M$  extension

$M$  dualizable, i.e.  $\exists M_A^\vee$  s.t.

$$M \otimes - \dashv M_A^\vee \otimes -$$

Yoneda profunctor  $e \nmid e$

$$\text{Yoneda Lemma } \text{Hom}_{\text{PShr}(e)}(e \nmid -, F) \cong F$$

$$\text{coYoneda Lemma } e \nmid e \otimes_e F \cong F$$

$f^* M' = "M' \circ f"$  precomposition

$$\text{colim}^M(f) = M \otimes_e f \quad \text{weighted colimit}$$

$eM \in \text{PShr}(e)$  tiny  
(Isbell dual  $M_e^\vee$ )

**Def**  $M \in \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{V}}$  is called tiny  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, -)$  preserves colimits &  $\mathcal{V}$ -tensoring  
 $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, n' \otimes v) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, n') \otimes v$

**Ex** For  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{V}$  with  $a \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{V})$ , an element  $m \in \mathcal{V}$  is tiny  $\Leftrightarrow$  dualizable

**Proof**: Dualizable  $\Leftrightarrow \exists m^\vee \in \mathcal{V}$  s.t.  $m^\vee \otimes - : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  r.a. to  $m \otimes -$

But then  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, -) \cong m^\vee \otimes -$  preserves colimits & tensoring.

$$\text{Conversely } \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, v) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, 1 \otimes v) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, 1) \otimes v$$

**Rem**: Also true for  $\mathcal{P} = \text{LMod}_a(\mathcal{V}) = \text{PShr}_e(Ba)$  for  $a \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{V})$

**Def** A  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called Cauchy-complete  $\Leftrightarrow$  Any tiny presheaf  $F \in \text{PShr}(\mathcal{C}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is representable. Otherwise,  $\text{PShr}(\mathcal{C})^{\text{tiny}} =: \widehat{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{V}}$  is called its Cauchy-completion. Denote  $\text{Cat}_+(\mathcal{V}) \subseteq \text{Cat}(\mathcal{V})$  their full subcat.

**Rem**: Equivalently,  $\mathcal{C}$  must admit absolute weighted colimits.

**Ex** If  $\mathcal{C} = B1 = \bullet \mathcal{V}^1$ , then  $\widehat{B1}^{\mathcal{V}} = \text{Fun}^{\mathcal{V}}(B1, \mathcal{V})^{\text{tiny}} = \mathcal{V}^{\text{dual}}$

• Similarly  $\widehat{Ba}^{\mathcal{V}} = \text{Fun}^{\mathcal{V}}(Ba, \mathcal{V})^{\text{tiny}} = \text{LMod}_a(\mathcal{V})^{\text{dual}}$

• If  $\mathcal{V} = \text{Set}$  or  $\mathcal{S}$ , then  $F \in \text{PShr}(\mathcal{C})$  is tiny  $\Leftrightarrow$  retract of a repres. presheaf.

Hence  $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{S}} = \widehat{\mathcal{C}}^{\text{i.c.}}$ , and Cauchy-complete  $\Leftrightarrow$  i.c.

• If  $\mathcal{V} = \text{Ab}$  or  $\text{Sp}_{\text{cn}}$ , then  $F \in \text{PShr}_{\text{Ab}}(\mathcal{C})$  tiny  $\Leftrightarrow$  retract of a finite  $\oplus$  of representables. In particular Cauchy-complete  $\Leftrightarrow$  i.c. additive

• If  $\mathcal{V} = \text{Sp}$ , then  $\text{Cat}_+(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{P}) = \{\text{i.c. stable cats}\}$

• For  $\text{Mod}_a(\mathcal{V})$  with  $a \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{V})$ , can regard  $\mathcal{P} \mathcal{D} \text{Mod}_a(\mathcal{V}) \subseteq \frac{F}{\sim} \mathcal{V}$  as



- If  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{Sp}$ , then  $\text{Cat}_+(\mathbf{Sp}) = \{ \text{i.c. stable cats} \}$
- For  $\text{Mod}_a(\mathcal{V})$  with  $a \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{V})$ , can regard  $\mathcal{P} \subset \text{Mod}_a(\mathcal{V}) \xrightarrow[\mathcal{U}]{F} \mathcal{V}$  as  $\mathcal{V}$ -tensoring via  $m \otimes - := m \otimes F(-) : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$

Then  $\text{Hom}_{F^* \mathcal{P}}(m, -) \simeq \mathcal{U} \circ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}}(m, -)$ , with  $\mathcal{U}$  conservative so it preserves & reflects colimits & tensoring so  $\text{tiny}_{\text{Mod}_a(\mathcal{V})} \Leftrightarrow \text{tiny}_{\mathcal{V}}$

turns out  $\Rightarrow \text{Cat}_+(\text{Vect}) = \text{i.c. } k\text{-lin. additive cats}$ ,  $\text{Cat}_+(\mathbf{DR}) = \text{i.c. } \mathbb{R}\text{-lin. stable cats}$

- Define  $\text{Cat}_{(n,m)} := \text{Cat}(\text{Cat}_{(n-1,m-1)})$  where  $1 \leq m \leq n \leq \infty$  and  $\text{Cat}_{(n,0)} := \mathcal{S}_{\leq n}$ . Then  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Cat}_{(n-1,m-1)}) = \{ \text{i.c. } (n,m)\text{-categories} \}$
- $\text{Cat}(\text{Cat}^{\text{i.c.}}) = \text{"2-idemp. complete 2-categories"}$

What about  $\text{Cat}(\text{categories with } \mathcal{K}\text{-colimits})$ ? Or  $\text{Cat}(\text{Cat}^{\text{ex}})$ ?

- If  $\mathcal{K} \in \{ \text{groupoids} \}$ ,  $\{ \text{i.c. "locally } \mathcal{K}\text{-coc. 2-categories with } \mathcal{K}\text{-colimits"} \}$
- As it turns out,  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}}) = \text{i.c. locally cocomplete 2-cats with lax colimits over small 1-cats!}$
- General  $\mathcal{K}$  is difficult, e.g.  $\text{Cat}(\text{Cat}^{\text{ex}}) = \{ \text{i.c. locally stable 2-cats with lax colimits over } \Delta^+ \}$

## Lax Semiadditivity

over  $\text{Cat}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$

Have learnt: Lax colimits & idempotent splittings generate all absolute colimits.

**Def** Let  $\mathcal{V} \in \text{Cat}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$ . We call  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{V}}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}}))$  the category of i.c. lax  $\mathcal{V}$ -additive categories.

**Ex** Explicitly: Locally cocomplete &  $\mathcal{V}$ -tensoring, i.c., admits lax colimits

- Lax  $\mathcal{S}$ -additive = lax semiadditive
- Lax  $\mathbf{Sp}$ -additive = lax additive
- Lax  $\text{Vect}_k$ -additive = lax semiadditive,  $k$ -linear, locally additive
- (Lax  $\text{Prst}$ -additive =: lax additive  $(\infty, 3)\text{-cat.}$ )

## The universal property of Profunctors

**Def**  $\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}} \hookrightarrow \widehat{\text{Cat}}$  sub-2-category on cocomplete categories & cocontinuous functors.

$\text{Prof} \subseteq \text{Cat}^{\text{colim}}$  full sub-2-category on presheaf categories  $\text{Psh}(C)$  small

Notice:  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Prof}}(\text{Psh}(C), \text{Psh}(D)) = \text{Fun}^L(\text{Psh}(C), \text{Psh}(D)) = \text{Fun}(C, \text{Fun}(D^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S})) = \text{Fun}(C \times D^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S})$

Similarly for  $\mathcal{V} \in \text{Alg}(\text{Pr}^+)$ , let  $\text{IProf}_{\mathcal{V}} \subseteq \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{V}}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$  an enriched



$$= \text{Fun}(C, \text{Fun}(D', \delta)) = \text{Fun}(C \times D', \delta)$$

Similarly for  $\mathcal{V} \in \text{Alg}(P^1)$ , let  $\text{Prof}_{\mathcal{V}} \equiv \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{V}}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$  an enriched preheaf categories  $\text{PShy}(\mathcal{V})$ .

**Warning:** Unlike  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{V}}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$ ,  $\text{Prof}_{\mathcal{V}}$  is not idemp. compl., so

$\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{ic}} \equiv \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{V}}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$  spanned by retracts of enriched preheaf cats.

**Ex/** For  $\mathcal{V} = \text{Sp}$ ,  $\text{Prof}_{\text{Sp}} \equiv \text{Mod}_{\text{Sp}}(P^1) = \text{Pst}$  consists of the ply. generated stable cats while  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\text{Sp}}^{\text{ic}}$  consists of the ply. assembled ones. ( $\rightarrow$  Eklund K-theory)

**Thm** [Ranzi + extra steps]  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{ic}}$  consists of precisely the dualizable obj. in  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{V}}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})$

**Thm**  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{ic}}$  is both the free i.c. lax semiadditive category on  $\mathcal{B}\mathcal{U}$ , and the free i.c. lax  $\mathcal{V}$ -additive category on the point:

$$\text{Fun}^{\text{loc. coc.}}(\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{ic}}, \mathbb{C}) \simeq \text{Fun}^{\text{loc. coc.}}(\mathcal{B}\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{C}) = \text{"}\mathcal{V}\text{-modules in } \mathbb{C}\text{"} \quad \forall \mathbb{C} \text{ i.c. lax sa.}$$

$$\text{Fun}^{\text{Mod}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})}(\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{ic}}, \mathbb{D}) \simeq \text{Fun}^{\text{Mod}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})}(\mathcal{B}\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{D}) \simeq \mathbb{D} \quad \forall \mathbb{D} \text{ i.c. lax } \mathcal{V}\text{-additive.}$$

**Proof:** Must show  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{ic}} \simeq \widehat{\text{Br}}_{\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}}}^{\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}}} \simeq \widehat{\text{Br}}_{\text{Mod}(\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}})}^{\text{Cat}^{\text{colim}}}$

$\downarrow \text{Cat}^{\text{colim}} \text{ dual}$   $\rightarrow$  use above theorem

□

**Rem:** For  $\mathcal{V} = \text{S}$ , Angus' arguments show  $\text{Prof} \subseteq \widehat{\text{Prof}}^{\text{ic}}$  is closed under lax colimits & generated by them from the point  $\Rightarrow \text{Prof}$  is the free lax semiadditive cat.  
For general  $\mathcal{V}$ , this might be wrong...

**Corollary:**  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\text{Sp}}^{\text{ic}} \simeq \widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\text{ex}}^{\text{ic}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{small stable categories} \\ \text{exact profunctors} \end{array} \right\}$   
is the free i.c. lax additive category

**Proof:** A priori  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\text{ex}} \subseteq \widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\text{Sp}}$ , but ess. arg. since any  $\text{Sp}$ -enriched category is Morita-equivalent to its Cauchy-completion which is stable. □

**Rem:** Probably  $\widehat{\text{Prof}}_{\text{ex}}$  is the free lax additive category.

## Free Cauchy-complete categories & Morita categories

$\text{Cat}^{\text{colim, ex}}$  is a bit large. What if we use  $\text{Cat}^{\text{ex}}$  instead?

**Def** A 2-i.c. finitely lax additive category is a  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Cat}^{\text{ex, ic}})$ , i.e. a 2-i.c. locally stable 2-cat with lax colimits over  $\Delta^1$ .  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Sp})$

Similarly in the  $R$ -linear case, for  $R \in \text{CATy}(\text{Sp})$ .

**Thm** The free  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Cat}^{\text{R-lin, ex, ic}}) = \text{Cat}_+^2(\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp}))$  is  
 $\underbrace{\text{Cat}_+^2(\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp}))}_{\text{Cat}_+^{\text{R-lin, ex, ic}}(\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp}))} = \underbrace{\text{Cat}_+(\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp}))}_{\text{Mod}_R^{\text{perf}}(\text{Sp})} \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Morita category of} \\ \text{smooth proper } R\text{-algebras} \end{array} \right\}$



**Thm 1** The free  $\text{Cat}_+(\text{Cat}) = \text{Cat}_+(\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp}))$  is  

$$\widehat{\mathcal{B}} \widehat{\mathcal{B}}^R \xrightarrow[\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp})]{\text{Cat}_{\text{Rstr}, \text{en}, \text{ic}}} = \widehat{\mathcal{B}} \widehat{\text{Mod}_R^{\text{pert}}(\text{Sp})} \xrightarrow{\text{Cat}_+(\text{Mod}_R(\text{Sp}))} \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Morita category of} \\ \text{smooth proper } R\text{-algebras} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Ex/** For  $R = \mathbb{H}_k$ ,  $\dim k = 0$  get smooth proper algs  
 $\Rightarrow$  Explains their appearance in 2D TFTs, e.g. Landau-Ginzburg models

For general  $\mathcal{V} \in \text{Cat}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ , can define a gmm. mon. str. on  $\text{Cat}_+(\mathcal{V})$  s.t.

$\widehat{\mathcal{B}}1$  is its unit. Hence,  $\text{Cat}_+ : \text{Cat}(\mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow \text{Cat}(\mathbb{P}^1)$  [Ramzi + Reutter-Z.]

Can iterate this to obtain  $\text{Cat}_+^n(\mathcal{V})$  with unit  $\widehat{\mathcal{B}} \widehat{\mathcal{B}} \cdots 1 =: \sum_{\mathcal{V}}^n 1$

**Thm**  $\sum_{\mathcal{V}}^n 1$  is (the universal) fully dualizable  $\mathcal{V}$ -enriched  $n$ -category.

**Ex/**  $\sum_{\text{Vect}_k}^3 1 = \{ \text{Morita 3-cat separable multifusion categories} \}$