

Chapter 1

∞ -category theory

1.1 Motivations

Exercise 1.1.1. We fix a base field k . Let $X = \mathbb{P}_k^1$ and let U_0 and U_1 be the standard open affine cover of \mathbb{P}_k^1 . For any k -algebra A , we have:

$$U_0(A) := \{[x_0 : x_1] \in \mathbb{P}_k^1(A) \mid x_0 \neq 0\}, \quad U_1(A) := \{[x_0 : x_1] \in \mathbb{P}_k^1(A) \mid x_1 \neq 0\}.$$

Let $U_{01} = U_0 \cap U_1$ be their intersection. Show that the canonical functor

$$h(\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{P}_k^1)) \rightarrow h(\mathcal{D}(U_0)) \times_{h(\mathcal{D}(U_{01}))} h(\mathcal{D}(U_1))$$

is essentially surjective but not fully faithful.

Exercise 1.1.2. Let \mathcal{C} be a triangulated category where countable products and countable direct sums exist. Show that if there exists a functor Tr from the category of arrows \mathcal{C}^{Δ^1} to the category of exact triangles in \mathcal{C} , then every triangle in \mathcal{C} is split. (See [?, Proposition II.1.2.13].)

1.2 Reminders on simplicial sets

Exercise 1.2.1. Show that the nerve functor $N: \mathrm{Cat} \rightarrow \mathrm{sSet}$ is fully faithful and its essential image is spanned by those simplicial sets K satisfying the following lifting condition: for every $n \geq 2$ and for every $0 < i < n$ every lifting problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_i^n & \longrightarrow & K \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ \Delta^n & & \end{array}$$

has a unique solution.

Exercise 1.2.2. Let S, S' be sets, seen as discrete simplicial set. Show that any morphism $f: S \rightarrow S'$ is a Kan fibration, and that f is a trivial Kan fibration if and only if f is a bijection.

Exercise 1.2.3. Let G and H be simplicial groups and let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be a surjective group homomorphism. Show that f is a Kan fibration.

Exercise 1.2.4. Let $\partial\Delta^2$ be the smallest full subsimplicial set of Δ^2 spanned by its non-degenerate edges $\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^2$. Show that $\partial\Delta^2$ fits into a coequalizer diagram

$$(\Delta^0)^{\amalg 6} \rightrightarrows (\Delta^1)^{\amalg 3} \rightarrow \partial\Delta^2.$$

(Hint: Have a look at [?, Theorem III.3.1].)

Exercise 1.2.5. Let S be a set, seen as a discrete simplicial set. Show that $\mathrm{cosk}_n(S)$ satisfies the following property: for every $m \geq n$ and every $0 \leq i \leq m$ the lifting problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_i^n & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{cosk}_n(S) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ \Delta^n & & \end{array}$$

has a solution. In particular, deduce that $\mathrm{cosk}_0(S)$ is a Kan complex.

Proof. Recall the definition. Let $tr_{\leq n} : sSet \rightarrow sSet_{\leq n}$ be a truncation functor. It has both left adjoint sk_n and right adjoint cosk_n given by left and right Kan extension, respectively. We call $sk_n \circ tr_{\leq n}$ a n -skeleton functor between $sSet$, and $\mathrm{cosk}_n \circ tr_{\leq n}$ a n -coskeleton functor. For the notational convenience, we just denote them by sk_n and cosk_n , respectively.

By definition, for every simplicial set T , we have an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{sSet}(T, \mathrm{cosk}_n(S)) \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{sSet_{\leq n}}(tr_{\leq n}T, S)$$

Thus, it suffices to show that there exists a map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{sSet_{\leq n}}(\Lambda_i^m, S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{sSet_{\leq n}}(\Delta^m, S)$$

for every $m \geq n$ and every $0 \leq i \leq m$. It follows from the fact that S is discrete (i.e. Kan complex) and bijectivity of truncation maps. \square

1.3 ∞ -categories

Exercise 1.3.1. Show that every Kan complexes and 1-categories are ∞ -categories (quasicategories).

Exercise 1.3.2. A morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in an ∞ -category \mathcal{C} is said to be an equivalence if its image in $h(\mathcal{C})$ is an isomorphism. Define $S^\infty := \mathrm{cosk}_0(\{0, 1\})$ and let $j : \Delta^1 \rightarrow S^\infty$ be the map classified by

$$\mathrm{sk}_0(\Delta^1) = \{0, 1\} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \{0, 1\}.$$

To give a morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in an ∞ -category \mathcal{C} it is equivalent to specify a morphism of simplicial sets $e_f : \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. Show that f is an equivalence if and only if the lifting problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^1 & \xrightarrow{e_f} & \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow j & \nearrow & \\ S^\infty & & \end{array}$$

has at least one solution. Next, show that any two such solution are homotopic. (Hint: have a look at Exercises 1.2.5 and 1.4.1.)

Proof. Note that cosk_n is right adjoint to sk_n . It follows that $j : \Delta^1 \rightarrow S^\infty$ is well defined. First, we prove that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an equivalence if and only if the above lifting problem has at least one solution. By Exercise 1.2.5, $\mathrm{cosk}_0(\{0, 1\}) = S^\infty$ is a Kan complex. It means that if we choose Kan model structure on $sSet$, S^∞ is a fibrant object. Similar to the exercise 1.3.4, we can say that $j : \Delta^1 \rightarrow S^\infty$ is a fibrant replacement in $sSet$. It follows from exercise 1.3.4 that we have a functor of ∞ -categories

$$\mathrm{Fun}(S^\infty, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^1, \mathcal{C})$$

which is fully faithful. Also its essential image is spanned by those morphisms $f : \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ that send every morphism in Δ^1 into an equivalence in \mathcal{C} . Therefore, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an equivalence iff $e_f : \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ satisfies the above condition iff there exists a map from $S^\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ commuting the above diagram.

Second, we need to show that any two such solution are homotopic. Due to fully faithfulness of the above ∞ -functor, such two solutions should be isomorphic in the homotopy category of $\mathrm{Fun}(S^\infty, \mathcal{C})$, implying that they are homotopic. \square

Exercise 1.3.3. In [?] a functor of ∞ -categories $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is said to be a *categorical equivalence* if and only if the induced functor $\mathfrak{C}[f]: \mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{C}] \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{D}]$ is an equivalence of simplicial categories. Show that f is a categorical equivalence if and only if it is fully faithful and essentially surjective.

Proof. By definition, $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a categorical equivalence if and only if the induced functor $\mathfrak{C}[f]: \mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{C}] \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{D}]$ is an equivalence of simplicial categories if and only if, by definition, the induced functor $h\mathfrak{C}[f]: h\mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{C}] \rightarrow h\mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{D}]$ on the homotopy level is an equivalence. Also, $h\mathfrak{C} \simeq h\mathfrak{C}[\mathcal{C}]$ and this correspondence is functorial. Note that a ∞ -functor f is defined to be fully faithful (or essentially surjective) if hf is. Thus, it suffices to show that hf is an equivalence iff it is fully faithful and essentially surjective which is obvious. \square

Exercise 1.3.4. Let E denote the walking isomorphism (i.e. the 1-category with two objects and an isomorphism between them). Recall the definition of S^∞ from the previous exercise. Show that there is a canonical map $E \rightarrow S^\infty$ and that this is a categorical equivalence. In particular, for every ∞ -category \mathcal{C} , the functor

$$\mathrm{Fun}(S^\infty, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}(E, \mathcal{C})$$

is a categorical equivalence. (This is a very simple example of what an “internal rectification theorem” looks like.)

Proof. Similar to the proof of Exercise 1.3.2, it is a consequence Exercise 1.4.1. We can identify E with $\{0, 1\}$. The canonical map E is given by one characterized by the identity map $\{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. For the categorical equivalence between $\mathrm{Fun}(S^\infty, \mathcal{C}), \mathrm{Fun}(E, \mathcal{C})$, it suffices to show that the given ∞ -functor is essentially surjective by the virtue of Exercise 1.3.3. We already know that the essential image is spanned by a functor $f: E \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ that send every morphism in E to an equivalence in \mathcal{C} . Since there is only one morphism, $id: \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ which must be sent to the identity map. Therefore, $\mathrm{Fun}(S^\infty, \mathcal{C}), \mathrm{Fun}(E, \mathcal{C})$ are categorical equivalent. \square

Exercise 1.3.5. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category. Let S_0 be a collection of *objects* in \mathcal{C} . Let \mathcal{C}_0 be the smallest full subsimplicial set of \mathcal{C} containing S_0 (explicitly, an n -simplex $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ belongs to \mathcal{C} if and only if for every morphism $\Delta^0 \rightarrow \Delta^n$ the composition $\Delta^0 \rightarrow \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mathcal{C}$ belongs to S_0 .) Show that \mathcal{C}_0 is an ∞ -category. Furthermore, show that the inclusion $\mathcal{C}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}$ of simplicial sets is a fully faithful functor of ∞ -categories.

Proof. First, we show that \mathcal{C}_0 is ∞ category. It suffices to show that for every n and every $0 < i < n$, there exists a map $\Delta^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ commuting the following diagram where $\sigma: \Delta_i^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ belongs to \mathcal{C}_0 . Since \mathcal{C} is ∞ -category, there exists a map $\tilde{\sigma}: \Delta^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ commuting the diagram. Now, it is enough to show that $\tilde{\sigma}$ belongs to \mathcal{C}_0 . Consider the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta^0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta_i^n & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathcal{C} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{\sigma} & \\ & & \Delta^n & & \end{array}$$

Note that the left triangular diagram commutes since maps from Δ^0 are canonically chosen. Therefore, $\tilde{\sigma}$ belongs to \mathcal{C}_0 .

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Exercise 1.3.6. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category. Let S_0 be a collection of *morphisms* in \mathcal{C} , and suppose that S_0 is closed under composition, in the sense that for every 2-simplex

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{h} & Z \end{array}$$

is \mathcal{C} , if f and g belong to S_0 then so does h . Let \mathcal{C}_0 be the smallest full subsimplicial set of \mathcal{C} containing S_0 (explicitly, an n -simplex $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ belongs to \mathcal{C} if and only if for every morphism $\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^n$ the composition $\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mathcal{C}$ belongs to S_0). Show that \mathcal{C}_0 is an ∞ -category.

Proof. Similar to the proof of Exercise 1.3.5, we show that \mathcal{C}_0 is ∞ -category by diagram chasing. We replace Δ^0 in Exercise 1.3.5, by Δ^1 and show that the following diagram commutes for every n and every $0 < i < n$;

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta^1 & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_i^n & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathcal{C} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{\sigma} & \\ & & \Delta^n & & \end{array}$$

This is trivial except $n = 2$. For $n = 2$, we get the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta^1 & \xrightarrow{j} & \Lambda_1^2 & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathcal{C} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{\sigma} & \\ & & \Delta^2 & & \end{array}$$

If $j(\Delta^1) = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$ or $\{1 \rightarrow 2\}$, the above diagram commutes again. For $\tilde{\sigma}$ being in \mathcal{C}_0 , we need to consider the case where such j does not exist. Namely, we need to show that $\tilde{\sigma} \circ j': \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ belongs to S_0 where $j': \Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^2$ is the canonical inclusion with the image $\{0 \rightarrow 2\}$. Suppose $\tilde{\sigma}(\Delta^2)$ is the following;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{h} & Z \end{array}$$

Note that $\tilde{\sigma} \circ j': \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ corresponds to $X \xrightarrow{h} Z$. Since f, g are in S_0 by assumption and S_0 is closed under composition, $\tilde{\sigma} \circ j': \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ belongs to S_0 . Thus, \mathcal{C}_0 is an ∞ -category. \square

Exercise 1.3.7. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category. Show that the collection of equivalences in \mathcal{C} is closed under composition, in the sense of the previous exercise. Let \mathcal{C}^\simeq be the ∞ -subcategory of \mathcal{C} spanned by equivalences in \mathcal{C} . Show that \mathcal{C}^\simeq is a Kan complex.

Proof. Let S_0 be a collection of equivalences in \mathcal{C} . Suppose we have 2-simplex

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Z \end{array}$$

where X, Y, Z are objects of \mathcal{C} and $f: X \rightarrow Y, g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are equivalence in \mathcal{C} . Remind that $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an equivalence if the induced map $hf: hX \rightarrow hY$ is an isomorphism in $h\mathcal{C}$. Since $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is homotopy equivalent to $\phi: X \rightarrow Z$ and $h(g \circ f) = hg \circ hf$ is an isomorphism, $\phi: X \rightarrow Z$ is an equivalence. Thus, S_0 is closed under composition.

Note that for any ∞ -category \mathcal{D} , \mathcal{D} is a Kan complex if and only if \mathcal{D} is an ∞ -groupoid. Clearly, \mathcal{C}^\simeq is an ∞ -groupoid because its homotopy category $h\mathcal{C}^\simeq$ is a groupoid. Therefore, \mathcal{C}^\simeq is a Kan complex. \square

1.4 Localization of ∞ -categories

Exercise 1.4.1. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category (seen as a quasicategory). Let $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ be a fibrant replacement for the Kan model structure on \mathbf{sSet} . Show that $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ enjoys the following universal property: for every ∞ -category \mathcal{D} the functor of ∞ -categories

$$\mathrm{Fun}(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$$

is fully faithful and its essential image is spanned by those morphisms $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ that send every morphism in \mathcal{C} into an equivalence in \mathcal{D} . Thus, there is a categorical equivalence $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} \simeq \mathcal{C}[W^{-1}]$, where W denotes the collection of all arrows in \mathcal{C} . Deduce that if \mathcal{C} is an ∞ -category where every morphism is invertible, then \mathcal{C} is categorically equivalent to a Kan complex.

Proof. Let's take the Kan model structure on $sSet$ where cofibrations are levelwise injective morphisms, fibrations are Kan fibrations and weak equivalence is given by weak homotopy equivalence. In this case we have the following property of inner homomorphism Fun ;

Suppose that $i: A \rightarrow B$ is a cofibration and $p: X \rightarrow Y$ is a Kan fibration. Then, we have a natural Kan fibration;

$$q: \text{Fun}(B, X) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(A, X) \times_{\text{Fun}(A, Y)} \text{Fun}(B, Y)$$

In particular, if either i or p is a weak equivalence, then q is a trivial fibration.

In order to apply this proposition, we need a few observation. First, the fibrant replacement $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ is indeed a cofibrant replacement because every object in $sSet$ is cofibrant. Also, given \mathcal{D} , we can take the Kan complex \mathcal{D}^\simeq spanned by equivalence in \mathcal{D} as in Exercise 1.3.7. Since $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ is a Kan complex, we get the equivalence $\text{Fun}(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{D}) \simeq \text{Fun}(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{D}^\simeq)$. Now we can apply the above proposition. Take $A = \mathcal{C}$, $B = \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$, $X = \mathcal{D}^\simeq$, and $Y = *$. Clearly, i is a weak equivalence. Thus we get the following,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fun}(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{D}) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \text{Fun}(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{D}^\simeq) \\ & & \downarrow q \\ & & \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}^\simeq) \quad \subseteq \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

where q is a weak equivalence. It tells us that the composition is fully faithful and its essential image is $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}^\simeq)$. Namely, it is spanned by those morphisms $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ that send every morphism in \mathcal{C} into an equivalence in \mathcal{D} . In particular, if \mathcal{C} is an ∞ -category where every morphism is invertible, then $\mathcal{C} \simeq \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ hence categorically equivalent to a Kan complex. \square

Exercise 1.4.2. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category and let S be a (small) collection of arrows in \mathcal{C} . Show that $\text{h}(\mathcal{C}[S^{-1}]) \in \text{Cat}$ is canonically equivalent to the 1-categorical localization of $\text{h}(\mathcal{C})$ at \bar{S} , the collection of morphism which is the image of S via the canonical functor $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{h}(\mathcal{C})$.

Exercise 1.4.3. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category with finite limits and let S be a (small) collection of arrows in \mathcal{C} . Suppose that \mathcal{C} is stable under pullbacks. Then the ∞ -categorical localization $\mathcal{C}[S^{-1}]$ has finite limits and the localization functor $L: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}[S^{-1}]$ commutes with them.

1.5 Limits and colimits

Exercise 1.5.1. Let \mathcal{S} be the ∞ -category of spaces and let X be an object in \mathcal{S} . Using [?, Theorem 4.2.4.1] show that the colimit of the diagram

$$* \longleftarrow X \longrightarrow *$$

can be canonically identified with $\Sigma(X)$.

Now fix two points $p, q: * \rightarrow X$. Show that the limit of the diagram

$$* \xrightarrow{p} X \xleftarrow{q} *$$

can be canonically identified with the path space $\text{Path}_X(p, q)$.

Exercise 1.5.2. ★ Prove the following variation of Quillen's theorem A: let $1 \leq n \leq \infty$ and let \mathcal{C} be an $(n, 1)$ -category. Let $G: I \rightarrow J$ be an ∞ -functor between ∞ -categories. Let $F: J \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be any other ∞ -functor. Suppose that for every $j \in J$ and any $i \in I_{/j} := I \times_J J_{/j}$ one has

$$\pi_m(I_{/j}, i) = 0$$

for all $0 \leq m \leq n-1$ (the above homotopy group is understood to be the homotopy group of the enveloping groupoid of $I_{/j}$). Then F admits a limit if and only if $F \circ G$ admits a limit, in which case they coincide.

Remark 1.5.3. The above version of Quillen's theorem A appears in [?] for $n = 1$ and in [?, 4.1.3.1] for $n = \infty$.

Exercise 1.5.4. Let Δ_s denote the subcategory of Δ spanned by all the objects and only the monomorphisms between them. For $n \geq 1$, let $\Delta_s^{\leq n}$ be the full subcategory of Δ_s spanned by the objects $1, 2, \dots, n$. Prove that for every $n \geq 1$ and every $k \geq 0$ the enveloping groupoid of $(\Delta_s^{\leq n})_{/n+k}$ is equivalent to the wedge of a certain number $N_{n,k}$ of $(n-1)$ -spheres.¹

Exercise 1.5.5. A useful consequence of Quillen's theorem A is the following: let I be a weakly contractible ∞ -category, by which we mean that the enveloping groupoid of I is weakly contractible. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category and let $x \in \mathcal{C}$ be an object in \mathcal{C} . Let $c_x: I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be the constant diagram associated to x . Then prove that both the limit and the colimit of c_x exists and coincides with x .

The above result is false if I is not weakly contractible. Construct a counterexample by choosing $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{S}$, $I = \{\bullet \rightrightarrows \bullet\}$ and $x = *$, the final object of \mathcal{S} . Nevertheless, show that keeping the same I and the same x , the result is again true for $\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}$. What happens in the ∞ -category of n -homotopy types $\mathcal{S}^{\leq n}$ for general n ?

Exercise 1.5.6. ★ Let K be a simplicial set and let $F: K^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\text{r}^{\text{L}}$ be an ∞ -functor. Let \mathcal{C} be a presentable ∞ -category and let $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}: K^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\text{r}^{\text{L}}$ denote the constant ∞ -functor associated to F . Let $\varphi: \Delta_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow F$ be a natural transformation in $\text{Fun}(K^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{P}\text{r}^{\text{L}})$. We let

$$\Phi: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \varprojlim F$$

be the induced functor. For every $x \in K$, the functor $\varphi_x: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow F(x)$ admits a right adjoint, which we denote $\psi_x: F(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. Show that there exists an ∞ -functor

$$\overline{\Psi}: \varprojlim F \rightarrow \text{Fun}(K, \mathcal{C})$$

which informally sends $Y = \{Y_x\}_{x \in K} \in \varprojlim F$ to the diagram $\overline{\Psi}(Y): K \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ given by

$$\overline{\Psi}(Y)(x) = \psi_x(Y_x).$$

Prove moreover that the composition

$$\varprojlim F \xrightarrow{\overline{\Psi}} \text{Fun}(K, \mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\lim} \mathcal{C}$$

can be canonically identified with a right adjoint for Φ .

1.6 Left and right fibrations

Exercise 1.6.1. Let X be a connected Kan complex and let F be any other Kan complex. Let us further fix a point $x \in X$. Let $\text{LF}_x(X; F)$ be the full subcategory of left fibrations $\text{LF}(X)$ over X whose homotopy fiber at x is equivalent to F . Let $\text{B}(\text{hAut}(F))$ be the classifying space of the simplicial group of homotopy automorphisms of F . Show that there is a canonical equivalence of ∞ -categories

$$\text{LF}_x(X; F) \simeq \text{Fun}(X, \text{B}(\text{hAut}(F))).$$

¹It should be possible to determine these numbers. We certainly have $N_{n,0} = 1$ and $N_{n,1} = 3$.

1.7 Cartesian and coCartesian fibrations

Exercise 1.7.1. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category and let $X \in \mathcal{C}$ be an object. Let $f: U \rightarrow X$ and $g: V \rightarrow X$ be two morphisms in \mathcal{C} . For every 2-simplex $\sigma: \Delta^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ such that $d_0(\sigma) = f$ and $d_1(\sigma) = g$, show that there is a pullback square in \mathcal{S} :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Path}_{\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(U, X)}(f, d_2(\sigma)) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}/X}(f, g) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{d_2(\sigma)} & \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(U, V). \end{array}$$

(Hint: Use [?, Propositions 2.1.2.1 and 2.4.4.2].)

1.8 Adjunctions

Exercise 1.8.1. Let \mathcal{C} be an ∞ -category with a zero object 0 . Suppose that for every object $X \in \mathcal{C}$ the span

$$0 \longleftarrow X \longrightarrow 0$$

has both a limit $\Omega(X)$ and a colimit $\Sigma(X)$. Construct in an explicit way ∞ -functors $\Sigma, \Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ informally given by $X \mapsto \Sigma(X)$ and $X \mapsto \Omega(X)$, respectively. Show that Σ and Ω are adjoint by explicitly constructing a fibration $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \Delta^1$ which is both Cartesian and coCartesian.

Exercise 1.8.2. Let $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be an ∞ -functor. Show that the following statements are equivalent:

1. F has a right adjoint $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$;
2. for every $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ there exists an object $X \in \mathcal{C}$ and a morphism $\varepsilon_X: F(X) \rightarrow Y$ such that for every other $X' \in \mathcal{C}$ the canonical composition

$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(X', X) \xrightarrow{f} \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(f(X'), f(X)) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_X *} \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(f(X'), Y)$$

is a weak homotopy equivalence.

1.9 Stable ∞ -categories

Exercise 1.9.1. Let \mathcal{C} be a stable ∞ -category and let $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ be a full stable subcategory of \mathcal{C} . Let $S := \{f: X \rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{C} \mid \mathrm{cofib}(f) \in \mathcal{D}\}$. Show that the ∞ -categorical localization $\mathcal{C}[S^{-1}]$ is a stable ∞ -category.

Exercise 1.9.2. It is shown in [?] that $\mathrm{Cat}_{\infty}^{\mathrm{Ex}}$ is a presentable ∞ -category. Prove directly that cofibers in $\mathrm{Cat}_{\infty}^{\mathrm{Ex}}$ exist.

Chapter 2

Derived rings

2.1 Derived rings

Exercise 2.1.1. Show that a discrete commutative ring A over k is finitely presented if and only if its associated corepresentable functor

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{CAlg}_k}(A, -): \mathrm{CAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathrm{Set}$$

commutes with filtered colimits.

Exercise 2.1.2. Let $A \in \mathrm{sCAlg}_k$ and let $M \in A\text{-Mod}^{\leq 0}$. Show that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Sym}_A(M) & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Sym}_A(M[1]) \end{array}$$

is a (homotopy) pushout square (where the two maps $\mathrm{Sym}_A(M) \rightarrow A$ are both classified by the zero map $M \rightarrow A$, and where both the maps $A \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}_A(M[1])$ are the structure morphisms).

Exercise 2.1.3. Let $A \in \mathrm{sCAlg}_k$ and let $M \in A\text{-Mod}^{\leq 0}$. Let $A \oplus M$ denote the split square-zero extension of A by M . Show that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \oplus M & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\ A & \xrightarrow{d_0} & A \oplus M[1] \end{array}$$

is a homotopy pullback, where $d_0: A \rightarrow A \oplus M[1]$ is the morphism classifying the zero derivation.

2.2 Modules

Exercise 2.2.1. Let A be a discrete commutative ring over k . Show that $M \in A\text{-Mod}^{\heartsuit}$ is finitely generated if and only if its associated corepresentable functor

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{A\text{-Mod}^{\heartsuit}}(M, -): A\text{-Mod}^{\heartsuit} \rightarrow \mathrm{Set}$$

commutes with filtered colimits of monomorphisms.

Exercise 2.2.2. Let A be a discrete commutative ring over k . Show that $M \in A\text{-Mod}^{\heartsuit}$ is finitely presented if and only if its associated corepresentable functor

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{A\text{-Mod}^{\heartsuit}}(M, -): A\text{-Mod}^{\heartsuit} \rightarrow \mathrm{Set}$$

commutes with filtered colimits.

2.3 Cotangent complex

Exercise 2.3.1. Compute the cotangent complex of the following morphisms:

1. $k \rightarrow k[\varepsilon]/(\varepsilon^2)$, $\deg(\varepsilon) = 0$;
2. $k[X, Y] \rightarrow k[X, Y]/(Y^3 - X^2)$;
3. $k \rightarrow k[X, Y]/(Y^3 - X^2)$.

Exercise 2.3.2. Find all the square-zero extensions (up to homotopy) of $R := k[\varepsilon]/(\varepsilon^2)$ by $k \simeq R/(\varepsilon)$. What happens if we replace k by $k[n]$, $n \geq 0$?

Chapter 3

Derived stacks