

# Complete Segal Objects & Univalent Maps

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## 1) Complete Segal Spaces (CSS)

Higher Category:

- Category with "higher" morphism
- Different models:

I) Simplicial Categories

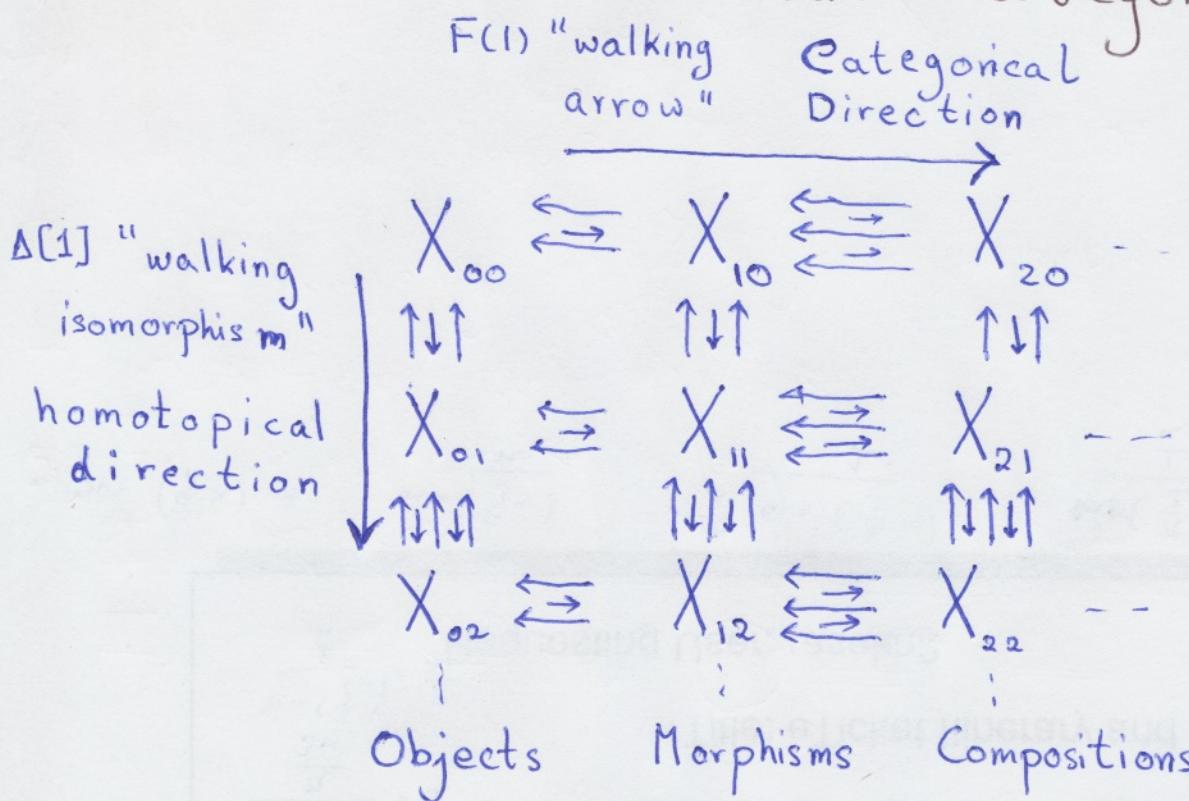
II) Quasi-Categories

III) Complete Segal Spaces (CSS)

Def/ A simplicial space is a map

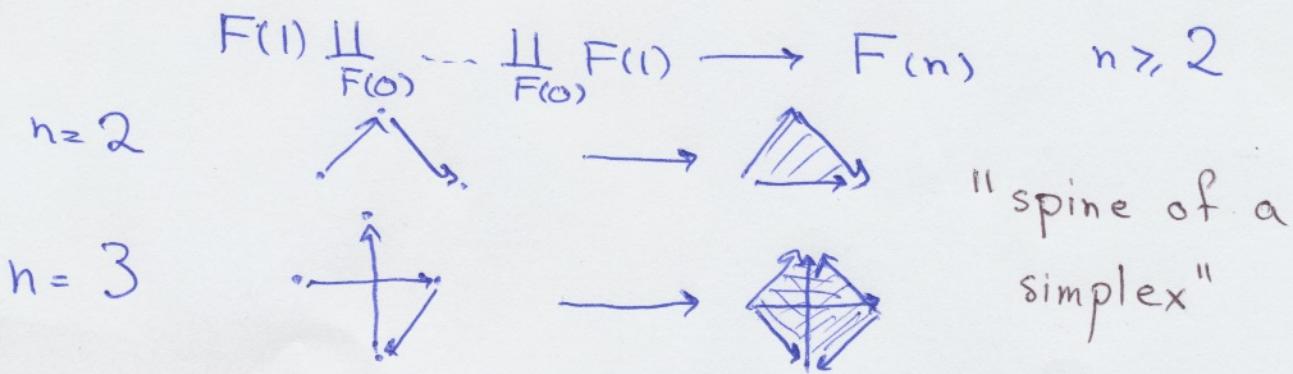
$X_\cdot : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  (spaces) which we denote by  $s\mathcal{S}$ .

We want it to look like category:



We need to add conditions to make it look the right way.

Def/ (Segal Condition) A simplicial space  $X_\cdot$  satisfies the Segal condition if:

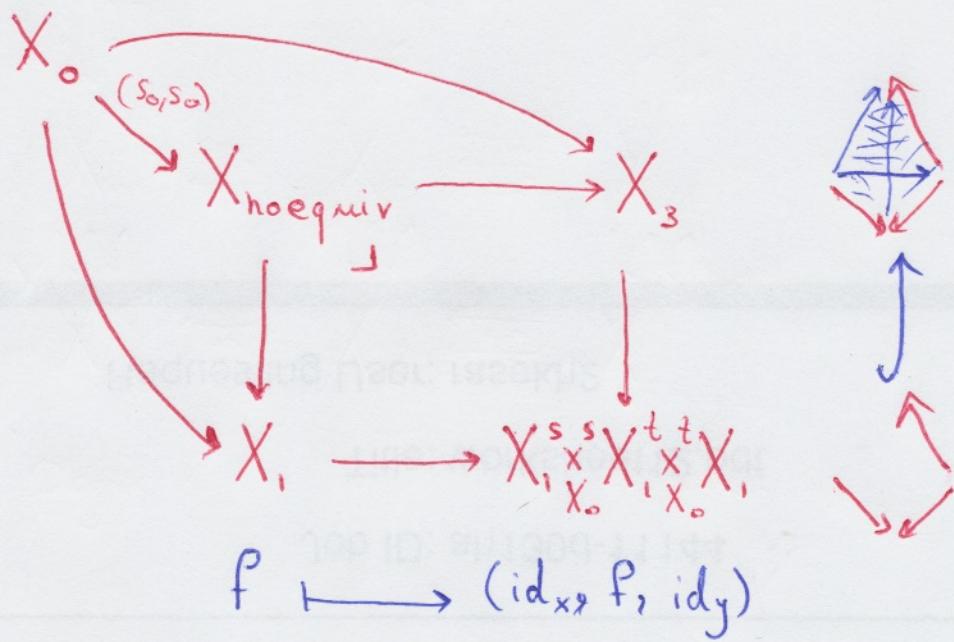


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$$X_n \xrightarrow{\simeq} X_1 \times_{X_0} \cdots \times_{X_0} X_1$$

the simplicial map induced by the spine is an equivalence.

Def/ (Completeness Condition) A simplicial space  $X$  satisfies completeness condition if:



the map  $(s_0, s_0)$  is an equivalence.

Def/ A simplicial space  $W$  is a CSS if

- I) It is Reedy Fibrant (technical condition)
- II) It satisfies Segal condition
- III) It satisfies completeness condition

CSS behaves like a category.

It has objects, morphisms, compositions, ...

Obj/ Obj  $W = \text{Hom}(*, W)$

Mor/  $x, y \in \text{Obj } W$

" $\text{map}(x, y)$  is the following pullback"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{map}(x, y) & \rightarrow & W_1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow (s, t) \\ * & \xrightarrow{x, y} & W_0 \times W_0 \end{array}$$

Comp/  $x, y, z \in \text{Obj } W$

" $\mu$  is the composition map"

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} x_0 \xrightarrow{\quad} & z & & & X_2 \\ \text{map}(x, z) \leftarrow & \mu & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & X_2 \\ & \text{map}(x, y, z) & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & * & \xrightarrow{(x, y, z)} & X_0 \times X_0 \times X_0 \\ & & \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow \\ & & \text{map}(x, y) \times \text{map}(y, z) & \rightarrow & X_1 \times X_0 \\ & & x_0 \xrightarrow{\quad} & & x_0 \end{array}$$

Mantra/ None of the definitions we made relied on the fact that we are working with spaces except for the existence of limits.

2) Complete Segal Objects (CSO)

Category  $\hookrightarrow$  Higher Category (like CSS)



Category Objects  $\hookrightarrow$  Higher Category Objects (CSO)

Idea: Define a higher categorical object internal to a given higher category.

For the rest of the talk let  $W$  be a CSS with finite limits.

Def/ A complete Segal object (CSO) in  $W$  is a simplicial object  $\Omega_\bullet: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow W$  such that it satisfies:

I) Segal Condition:  $\Omega_n \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Omega_1 \times_{\Omega_0} \cdots \times_{\Omega_0} \Omega_1$

II) Completeness Condition:  $\Omega_\bullet \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Omega_1 \times_{\substack{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_1 \times \Omega_1}} \Omega_3$

### 3) Examples of CSO

Ex/  $W = \mathcal{S}$

Complete Segal "space" = "complete Segal space"

Ex/  $W = \text{Set}$

Complete Segal set = Category without non-trivial automorphism

Similar thing happens in HoTT

Ex/  $W = \text{CSS}$

Complete Segal CSS = higher double category

Ex/ If  $\Omega_0$  is a CSO such that  $s_0: \Omega_0 \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Omega_1$ , then we get a  $\infty$ -groupoid object,

#### 4) Representable Maps

Def/ For every object  $x \in W$  we have a map

$$\rho_x: W^{\text{op}} \rightarrow S$$
$$y \mapsto \text{map}(y, x)$$

and a map  $F: W^{\text{op}} \rightarrow S$  is represented by  $x$   
if  $F = \rho_x$ .

(This suggests following definition)

Def/ For every CSO  $\Omega_0: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow W$  there is a map

$$\rho_{\Omega_0}: W^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{CSS}$$
$$y \mapsto \text{map}(y, \Omega_0)$$

and a map  $F: W^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{CSS}$  is represented by  $\Omega_0$   
if  $F = \rho_{\Omega_0}$ .

Special Case: We are interested in the case where the map

$$W_{-}: W^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{CSS}$$

$$x \mapsto W_{/x} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{matrix} W & \xrightarrow{F(1)} & \text{Cartesian} \\ \downarrow t & & \text{Fibration} \\ W & & \end{matrix}$$

is represented by an CSO  $\Omega$ .

Remark/ This statement has set-theoretical nuances which we ignore for the purpose of this talk.

Ex/ This special case happens in many situations:

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (presentable  $\infty$ -category with descent). By Lurie we know there is an object  $\Omega_0$  such that for every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$

$$(\mathcal{X}_{/x})^{\text{eq}} \simeq \text{map}(x, \Omega_0)$$

where left side is the maximal sub  $\infty$ -groupoid.

This argument generalizes to arbitrary  $n$ :

$$(\mathcal{X}_{/x}^{\Delta[n]})^{\text{eq}} \simeq \text{map}(x, \Omega_n)$$

which gives a CSO,  $\Omega_0$ , representing  $W_{-}$ .

## Motivating Questions:

This motivates the following questions:

- I) Is it a locally Cartesian closed  $\infty$ -category?
- II) Does it have finite colimits?
- III) Does it have descent?
- IV) Does representability and presentability give us an  $\infty$ -topos?

## 5) Univalence

Precise definition of univalence quite abstract so we give the following:

**Def/** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a presentable locally Cartesian closed  $\infty$ -category. A map  $p: X \rightarrow S$  is univalent.

- If  $f \simeq g \rightarrow f^*X \simeq g^*X$  (always true)
- If  $f^*X \simeq g^*X \rightarrow f \simeq g$  (true if  $p$  univalent)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & g^*X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & S \end{array}$$

**Corollary/**  $p: X \rightarrow S$  is univalent iff it is the pullback of a universal map along a monomorphism.

This is all based on work by Gepner-Kock.

This allows us to generalize univalent maps:

**Def/** Let  $W$  be a CSS such that  $W_{-}$  is represented by  $\Omega_{\circ}$ . This gives us a universal map  $p: \Sigma_{\circ} \rightarrow \Omega_{\circ}$  classifying objects. Now a map is univalent if it is the monomorphic pullback of the universal map.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & \Sigma_{\circ} \\ u \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ S & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Omega_{\circ} \end{array}$$

This definition suggests "minimal conditions" which a category needs to satisfy in order to define univalent maps, namely the existence of an object classifier.

This suggests an interesting generalization:  $n$ -univalent maps. The intuitive definition is the following:

**Def/** A chain of maps  $X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S$  is  $n$ -univalent:

- $f \simeq g \rightarrow$  equivalence of chains (always true)
- equivalence of chains  $\rightarrow f \simeq g$  ( $n$ -univalence)

The precise definition should be about pullbacks of  $n$ -universal map in cases where  $W_{-}$  is classified.

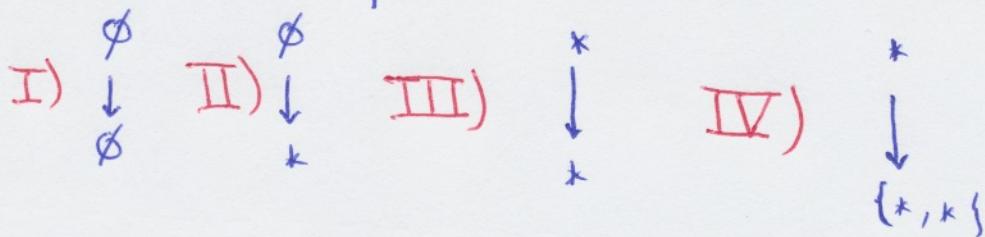
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} f^* X_n & \simeq & g^* X_n & & X_n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f^* X_{n-1} & \simeq & g^* X_{n-1} & & X_{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ f^* X_1 & \simeq & g^* X_1 & & X_1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f^* X_0 & \simeq & g^* X_0 & & X_0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S & & \end{array}$$

$\xrightarrow{f} \quad \xrightarrow{g}$

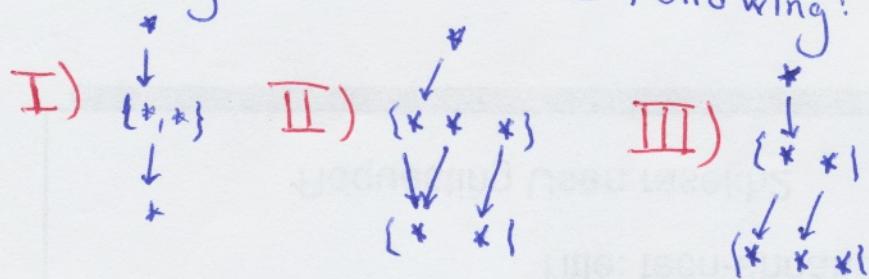
Remark /  $n$ -univalent maps are vastly more complicated.

For example:

In the category of sets there are four univalent maps:



But even  $2$ -univalent maps are more diverse:  
Among them are the following:



### Motivating Questions:

- I) How can we classify  $n$ -univalent maps?
- II) What does an  $n$ -univalent map tell me about the underlying category?