

# Univalent Enriched Categories and the Enriched Rezk Completion

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# Univalent Foundations

- ▶ We work in **univalent foundations (UF)**
- ▶ Concretely, we assume the **univalence axiom**:

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- ▶ Identity is proof relevant, and we interpret types as spaces

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Our focus is on **univalent categories**

# Why Univalent Categories

In this talk, we are only concerned with **univalent categories**

- ▶ In category theory, categories usually are identified up to adjoint equivalence
- ▶ The univalent perspective offers an interesting new perspective on category theory

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So:

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- ▶ Objects of univalent categories are **identified up to isomorphism**
- ▶ This follows **common mathematical practice** because properties of objects are invariant up to isomorphism
- ▶ Univalent categories are **identified up to equivalence**

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- ▶ The usual definition of the Kleisli category does **not** give rise to a univalent category: instead we use the **Rezk completion**

Each of these points have been established in the literature<sup>1 2 3</sup>

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# Enriched Categories

We like **enriched categories** <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>

- ▶ An enriched category is a category whose hom-sets are endowed with extra structure
- ▶ For instance: every hom-set could be an abelian group or a DCPO
- ▶ Have found applications in programming languages <sup>6</sup>, algebraic topology <sup>7</sup>, higher category theory

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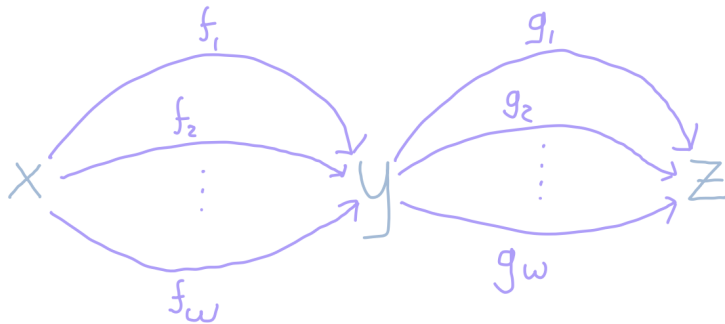
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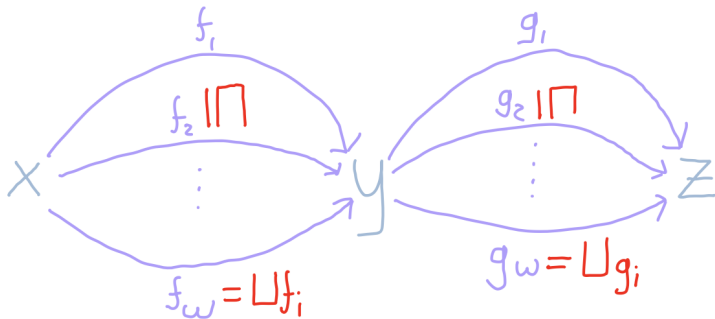
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# This Paper

This paper studies **univalent enriched categories**, and it contains

- ▶ A univalence principle for univalent enriched categories
- ▶ A proof that fully faithful and essentially surjective enriched functors are adjoint equivalences
- ▶ A construction of the Rezk completion of enriched categories and a proof of the universal mapping property
- ▶ Univalent enriched Kleisli categories
- ▶ The results are formalized in Coq proof assistant using the UniMath library

# Monoidal Categories

## Definition

A **monoidal category**  $V$  is given by

- ▶ an object  $I : V$  called the **unit**
- ▶ an operation  $\otimes : V \rightarrow V \rightarrow V$  called the **tensor**

Unitality and associativity hold up to coherent isomorphism. This means that we have natural isomorphisms  $l : I \otimes x \cong x$ ,  $r : x \otimes I \cong x$ , and  $a : x \otimes (y \otimes z) \cong (x \otimes y) \otimes z$  satisfying suitable coherences. In addition,  $\otimes$  is required to be functorial.

# Enrichments

Suppose that we have

- ▶ A monoidal category  $V$  with unit  $I$  and tensor  $\otimes$

## Definition

A  **$V$ -enrichment**  $\mathcal{E}$  of a category  $C$  consists of

- ▶ a function  $\mathcal{E}(-, -) : C \rightarrow C \rightarrow V$
- ▶ for all  $x : C$  a morphism  $\text{id}^e : I \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(x, x)$
- ▶ for all  $x, y, z : C$  a morphism

$$\text{comp} : \mathcal{E}(y, z) \otimes \mathcal{E}(x, y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(x, z)$$

- ▶ for all  $f : x \rightarrow y$  a morphism  $\overrightarrow{f} : I \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(x, y)$
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We require that  $\overleftrightarrow{\overrightarrow{f}} = f$  and that  $\overleftrightarrow{\overleftarrow{f}} = f$ , and that these operations preserve identity and composition. Associativity and unitality are given in the next slides

## Enrichments: Unitality Axioms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathcal{E}(x, y) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}^e(y) \otimes \text{id}} & \mathcal{E}(y, y) \otimes \mathcal{E}(x, y) \\ & \searrow \text{l}_{\mathcal{E}(x, y)} & \downarrow \text{comp}(x, y, y) \\ & & \mathcal{E}(x, y) \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathcal{E}(y, z) \otimes \mathcal{E}(x, y)) \otimes \mathcal{E}(w, x) & \xrightarrow{a} & \mathcal{E}(y, z) \otimes (\mathcal{E}(x, y) \otimes \mathcal{E}(w, x)) \\ \downarrow \text{comp}(x, y, z) \otimes \text{id} & & \downarrow \text{id} \otimes \text{comp}(w, x, y) \\ & & \mathcal{E}(y, z) \otimes \mathcal{E}(w, y) \\ & & \downarrow \text{comp}(w, y, z) \\ \mathcal{E}(x, z) \otimes \mathcal{E}(w, x) & \xrightarrow{\text{comp}(w, x, z)} & \mathcal{E}(w, z) \end{array}$$

# Examples of Enrichments

Examples of enrichments:

- ▶ Every category has a unique set-enrichment
- ▶ The category of DCPOs is enriched over DCPOs
- ▶ More general, every cartesian closed category is enriched over itself
- ▶ Even more general, every symmetric monoidal closed category is enriched over itself

# Enrichments and the Underlying Category

Some standard facts from enriched category theory

- ▶ We have 2-categories  $\text{EnrichCat}_V$  and  $\text{Cat}$
- ▶ We have a pseudofunctor  $F$  from  $\text{EnrichCat}_V$  to  $\text{Cat}$  that sends an enriched category  $E$  to its underlying category  $E_0$  (objects: same as in  $E$ , morphisms  $I \rightarrow E(x, y)$ )

Idea:

- ▶ a  $V$ -enrichment of  $C$  is an object in the fiber of  $C$  along  $F$ .
- ▶ the definition on the previous slide formalizes this idea.

For this reason, our definition is equivalent to the usual one.

# Univalent Enriched Category Theory

Now we discuss

1. a notion of univalent enriched category and a univalence principle for them
2. essentially surjective fully faithful functors are adjoint equivalences
3. the Rezk completion of enriched categories

In addition, our proof techniques arise from **bicategory theory**



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A **univalent  $V$ -enriched category** is a univalent category together with a  $V$ -enrichment.

If we would use Kelly's definition: a  $V$ -enriched category is univalent if its underlying category is univalent. This agrees with completeness of enriched  $\infty$ -categories<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup>David Gepner and Rune Haugseng. " *Enriched  $\infty$ -categories via non-symmetric  $\infty$ -operads*", Adv. Math. 2015.

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Enriched categories as a displayed bicategory over  $\mathbf{Cat}$ :

- ▶ Objects over  $C$ :  $V$ -enrichments for  $C$
- ▶ 1-cells over  $F : C \rightarrow C'$  from  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{E}'$ :  $V$ -enrichments for  $F$
- ▶ 2-cells over  $\tau : F \Rightarrow G$  from  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $\mathcal{G}$ : proofs that  $\tau$  is  $V$ -enriched

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# Adjoint Equivalences

- ▶ **Key theorem about equivalences:** essentially surjective fully faithful functors are adjoint equivalences
- ▶ Usually, proving this requires the axiom of choice.

Proof sketch:

- ▶ Suppose  $F : C \rightarrow D$  is fully faithful and essentially surjective
- ▶ To define an inverse, we need to find a preimage for every  $y : D$
- ▶ Such preimages are only unique **up to isomorphism** (by fully faithfulness)
- ▶ However, if  $C$  is univalent, then the preimages are unique



# Orthogonal Factorization Systems

- ▶ We construct the orthogonal factorization system of eso functors and fully faithful functors<sup>10</sup>
- ▶ Orthogonality means that we can solve the following lifting problems:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_1 & \xrightarrow{G_1} & C_2 \\ F_1 \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow F_2 \\ D_1 & \xrightarrow{G_2} & D_2 \end{array}$$

where  $F_1$  is eso and  $F_2$  is fully faithful

- ▶ By taking  $F_1 = F_2$  and  $G_1 = G_2 = \text{id}$ , we get the desired theorem

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We can also prove the universal property  
Here we need:

- ▶  $\mathbf{V}$  is symmetric (opposite enriched categories)
- ▶  $\mathbf{V}$  is closed (self enriched categories)
- ▶  $\mathbf{V}$  is complete (enriched functor categories)

# Conclusion

- ▶ We developed enriched categories in univalent foundations
- ▶ We proved a univalence principle and we showed that weak equivalences between univalent categories are adjoint equivalences
- ▶ We also constructed a Rezk completion and proved its universal property (useful for Kleisli categories)
- ▶ Key techniques: enrichments, displayed