## 1 A universal property for the pushout product

We would now like to generalize the framework of cyclic 2-fold double categories to cyclic 2-fold double multicategories, in order to incorporate the multivariable adjunctions of awfs defined in [Rie13].

[TODO: Review cyclic multicategories/double multicategories]

First, we will need to find a generalization of the universal property for arrow objects to (cyclic) double multicategories. In the theory of multivariable Quillen adjunctions, the lift of a multivariable adjunction to arrow categories is provided by the pushout/pullback product, so we will identify a universal property satisfied by this construction.

Define a cyclic double multicategory  $\mathbb{J}$  as follows. The objects are  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ , for  $i \in \{0,1,2\}$ , and their duals. The horizontal 1-cells are  $d_0^i, d_1^i \colon B_i \to A_i$ . The vertical 1-cells are  $F_i \colon (A_{i-1}, A_{i+1}) \to A_i^{\bullet}$  and  $G_i \colon (B_{i-1}, B_{i+1}) \to B_i^{\bullet}$ , which form two orbits under the cyclic action.

There are two types of 2-cells. There are

$$B_{i} \xrightarrow{d_{1}^{i}} A_{i}$$

$$\downarrow id \qquad \downarrow \alpha_{i} \qquad \downarrow id$$

$$B_{i} \xrightarrow{d_{0}^{i}} A_{i}$$

for each *i*. We will often draw these 2-cells globularly. There are also 2-cells

$$B_{i+1}, B_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d_{k_{i+1}}^{i+1}, d_{k_{i-1}}^{i-1}} A_{i+1}, A_{i-1}$$

$$G_{i} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \lambda_{k_{i+1}, k_{i-1}, k_{i}}^{i} \qquad \downarrow F_{i}$$

$$B_{i}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{d_{k_{i}}^{i\bullet}} A_{i}^{\bullet}$$

for all choices of  $(k_0, k_1, k_2) \in \{0, 1\}^3$  except (0, 0, 0).

Notice that there is at most one element of every hom-set, so all compositions and cyclic actions are uniquely defined. From now on, we will omit indices whenever doing so is unambiguous.

Remark 1.1. The cyclic double multicategory  $\mathbb{J}$  is generated under composition by the  $\alpha_i$  and the  $\lambda^i_{k_{i+1},k_{i-1},k_i}$  with exactly one of  $k_0,k_1,k_2$  equal to 1. These nine  $\lambda$  generators are further generated under the cyclic action by only three, though there are many choices of which three. These generators satisfy the relations

$$B_{1}, B_{2} \xrightarrow{d_{1},d_{0}} A_{1}, A_{2}$$

$$G_{0} \downarrow \downarrow \lambda \downarrow F_{0} = G_{0} \downarrow \downarrow \lambda \downarrow F_{0}$$

$$B_{0} \xrightarrow{d_{0}^{\bullet}} A_{0}^{\bullet} A_{0}^{\bullet}$$

$$B_{1}, B_{2} \xrightarrow{d_{0},d_{1}} A_{0}^{\bullet}$$

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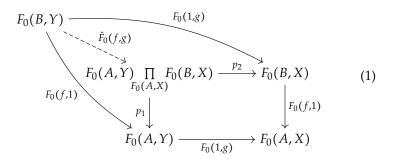
$$B_{0} \xrightarrow{d_{0}^{\bullet}} A_{0}^{\bullet}$$

and their reflections under the cyclic action.

*Example* 1.2. Let  $\mathbb{M}\mathbf{Adj}$  be the double cyclic multicategory of categories, functors, and multivariable right adjunctions. Any multivariable right adjunction  $F_0: \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2 \to \mathcal{A}_0$  extends to a functor  $\widehat{\mathbb{F}}: \mathbb{J} \to \mathbb{M}\mathbf{Adj}$  as follows.

- $B_i$  is sent to  $\mathcal{A}_i^2$ , the arrow category of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ .
- The  $d_1$  are sent to the domain functors dom:  $\mathcal{A}_i^2 \to \mathcal{A}_i$  and the  $d_0$  are sent to the codomain functors  $\operatorname{cod}: \mathcal{A}_i^2 \to \mathcal{A}_i$ .
- The  $\alpha$  are sent to the canonical natural transformations dom  $\Rightarrow$  cod.
- The  $G_i$  are sent to functors  $\hat{F}_i$ . Given morphisms  $f: A \to B \in \mathcal{A}_1$  and

 $g: X \to Y \in \mathcal{A}_2$ ,  $\hat{F}_0(f,g)$  is defined as in the diagram



It is a standard fact that the  $\hat{F}_i$  form a two-variable adjunction between the arrow categories.

• Looking at diagram 1,

$$(\lambda_{1,0,0}^{0})_{f,g} = p_1 : \operatorname{cod} \hat{F}_0(f,g) \to F_0(\operatorname{dom} f, \operatorname{cod} g)$$

$$(\lambda_{0,1,0}^{0})_{f,g} = p_2 : \operatorname{cod} \hat{F}_0(f,g) \to F_0(\operatorname{cod} f, \operatorname{dom} g)$$

$$(\lambda_{0,0,1}^{0})_{f,g} = \operatorname{id} : \operatorname{dom} \hat{F}_0(f,g) \to F_0(\operatorname{cod} f, \operatorname{cod} g).$$

The three relations (1)-(3) then correspond precisely to the commutativity of the three regions in diagram (1).

**Exercise 1.1.** Check that the mates of the morphism  $p_1$  in diagram 1 are  $p_2$  and id in the two similar diagrams defining  $\hat{F}_1$  and  $\hat{F}_2$ .

Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be the sub-category of  $\mathbb{J}$  consisting of just the 1-cells  $F_i$ . Let **CDMCat** denote the 2-category of cyclic double multicategories, functors, and horizontal transformations.

**Theorem 1.3.** Fix a functor  $\mathbb{F}: \mathbb{I} \to \mathbb{M}Adj$ . Then the functor  $\hat{\mathbb{F}}: \mathbb{J} \to \mathbb{M}Adj$  constructed in example 1.2 is terminal in the category  $CDMCat_{\mathbb{F}}(\mathbb{J}, \mathbb{M}Adj)$  of functors on  $\mathbb{J}$  restricting to  $\mathbb{F}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ .

*Proof.* Concretely, the theorem says that given the data of a functor  $\mathbb{J} \to \mathbb{M} Adj$ , there is a unique 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathscr{B}_{1}, \mathscr{B}_{2} & \xrightarrow{H_{1}, H_{2}} \mathscr{A}_{1}^{2}, \mathscr{A}_{2}^{2} \\
G_{0} & & & \downarrow \hat{\mathsf{f}}_{0} \\
\mathscr{B}_{0}^{\bullet} & \xrightarrow{H_{3}^{\bullet}} \mathscr{A}_{0}^{\bullet 2}
\end{array}$$

such that

$$\mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \xrightarrow{H_{1}, H_{2}} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{2}, \mathcal{A}_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}, \operatorname{cod}} \mathcal{A}_{1}, \mathcal{A}_{2} \qquad \mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \xrightarrow{d_{0}, d_{0}} \mathcal{A}_{1}, \mathcal{A}_{2} 
G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta \qquad \downarrow \hat{F}_{0} \qquad \downarrow \operatorname{id} \qquad \downarrow F_{0} = G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \lambda \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad (2) 
\mathcal{B}_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{H_{3}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{dom}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad \mathcal{B}_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{d_{1}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \xrightarrow{H_{1}, H_{2}} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{2}, \mathcal{A}_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom,cod}} \mathcal{A}_{1}, \mathcal{A}_{2} \qquad \mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \xrightarrow{d_{1}, d_{0}} \mathcal{A}_{1}, \mathcal{A}_{2} 
G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta \qquad \downarrow \hat{F}_{0} \qquad \downarrow p_{1} \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad = G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \lambda \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad (3) 
\mathcal{B}_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{H_{3}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad \mathcal{B}_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{d_{0}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \xrightarrow{H_{1}, H_{2}} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{2}, \mathcal{A}_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}, \operatorname{dom}} \mathcal{A}_{1}, \mathcal{A}_{2} \qquad \mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \xrightarrow{d_{0}, d_{1}} \mathcal{A}_{1}, \mathcal{A}_{2} 
G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta \qquad \downarrow \hat{F}_{0} \qquad \downarrow p_{2} \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad = G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \lambda \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad (4) 
\mathcal{B}_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{H_{3}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad \mathcal{B}_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{d_{0}^{\bullet}} \mathcal{A}_{0}^{\bullet}$$

Fix objects  $B_1 \in \mathcal{B}_1$ ,  $B_2 \in \mathcal{B}_2$ . The  $H_i$  are the functors sending  $B_i$  to  $H_i(B_i) = \alpha_{B_i} : d_1B_i \to d_0B_i$ . The component of  $\theta$  at  $(B_1, B_2)$  is a square

$$d_{1}G_{0}(B_{1}, B_{2}) \xrightarrow{F_{0}(d_{0}B_{1}, d_{0}B_{2})} \downarrow \downarrow d_{0}G_{0}(B_{1}, B_{2}) \xrightarrow{F_{0}(d_{1}B_{1}, d_{0}B_{2})} \prod_{F_{0}(d_{1}B_{1}, d_{1}B_{2})} F_{0}(d_{0}B_{1}, d_{1}B_{2})$$

The top arrow is uniquely determined by equation (2), while the components of the bottom arrow are uniquely determined by equations (3) and (4).  $\Box$ 

Now let  $\mathbb{M}$  be any double multicategory. Given an object C of  $\mathbb{M}$ , an arrow object  $C^2$  is an object together with a globular 2-cell  $\kappa$ : dom  $\Rightarrow$  cod satisfying the same universal property as in Section ?? (this only involves the horizontal 2-category, so carries over unchanged).

Given a vertical 1-cell  $F:(C_1,C_2) \to C_0^{\bullet}$ , the lift to arrow objects  $\hat{F}$  is a vertical 1-cell  $\hat{F}$  together with 2-cells

satisfying the equations

$$C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom,cod}} C_{1}, C_{2} \qquad C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi \kappa, \text{id}} C_{1}, C_{2}$$

$$C_{0}^{1} \qquad \psi \gamma_{1} \qquad \downarrow F_{0} = G_{0} \qquad \psi \gamma_{0} \qquad \downarrow F_{0}$$

$$C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet}$$

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$$C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}, \operatorname{dom}} C_{1}, C_{2} \qquad C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}, \operatorname{cod}} C_{1}, C_{2}$$

$$C_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{2} \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad = G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{0} \qquad \downarrow F_{0}$$

$$C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{dom}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet}$$

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$$C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom,dom}} C_{1}, C_{2} \qquad C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom,dom}} C_{1}, C_{2}$$

$$C_{0}^{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{1} \qquad \downarrow F_{0} \qquad = G_{0} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{2} \qquad \downarrow F_{0}$$

$$C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet}$$

$$(7)$$

and which is universal, meaning that given any objects  $X_0, X_1, X_2$ , horizontal 1-cells  $d_{i,0}, d_{i,1}: X_i \to C_i$ , a vertical 1-cell  $G: X_1, X_2 \to X_0^{\bullet}$ , globular 2-cells  $\alpha_i: d_{i,1} \Rightarrow d_{i,0}$ , and 2-cells

satisfying the three equations analogous to (5)–(7), there exists a unique 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_1, X_2 & \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}_1, \hat{\alpha}_2} & C_1^2, C_2^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow \hat{F} \\ X_0^{\bullet} & \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}_0^{\bullet}} & C_0^{\bullet 2} \end{array}$$

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(where  $\hat{\alpha}_i$  is the 1-cell determined by  $\alpha_i$  by the universal property of the arrow object  $C_i$ ) such that

$$X_{1}, X_{2} \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}_{1}, \hat{\alpha}_{2}} C_{1}^{2}, C_{2}^{2} \longrightarrow C_{1}, C_{2} \qquad X_{1}, X_{2} \longrightarrow C_{1}, C_{2}$$

$$\downarrow G \qquad \downarrow \theta \qquad \downarrow \hat{F} \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{i} \qquad \downarrow F \qquad = \qquad G \qquad \downarrow \lambda_{i} \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$X_{0}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}_{0}^{\bullet}} C_{0}^{\bullet 2} \longrightarrow C_{0}^{\bullet} \qquad X_{0}^{\bullet} \longrightarrow C_{0}^{\bullet}$$

for each  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Similarly, we define the lift of a vertical 1-cell  $F: (C_1, ..., C_n) \to C_0^{\bullet}$  to arrow objects to be a vertical 1-cell  $\hat{F}$  together with (n+1) 2-cells  $\gamma_i$  satisfying (n+1) equations analogous to (5)–(7) and which is universal in the analogous way.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $\mathbb{M}$  be a double multicategory. We say  $\mathbb{M}$  *has arrow objects* if for every object C there is an arrow object  $C^2$ , and if for every vertical 1-cell  $F: (C_1, \ldots, C_n) \to C_0^{\bullet}$  there is a lift to arrow objects  $\hat{F}$ .

We have given the universal property of arrow objects and lifts of vertical 1-cells in ordinary double multicategories, but it is clear from the cyclical symmetry of the construction that a cyclic action respects arrow objects. Specifically,  $(C^2)^{\bullet} = (C^{\bullet})^2$  for any object C, and  $\sigma(\hat{F}) = \widehat{\sigma F}$  for any vertical 1-cell F.

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