

# $(\infty, 2)$ -categories Workshop.

## "2-comical sets"

### Organization.

#### { Definitions + Motivation

- cubical sets
- marked cubical sets + comical sets.
- the 2-comical model structure.

| ~20 mins

#### { Relations to other constructions

- 2-cats.
- 1-comical sets & quascats
- 2-complicial sets.

| ~10 mins

#### { OK ... why?

Gray  $\otimes$

| ~10 mins.

References: [CKM] = "A Cubical Model for  $(\infty, n)$ -categories" - Campion, Kapulkin, Maehara

[DKM] = "Equivalence of Cubical & Simplicial Models of  $(\infty, n)$ -categories"  
- Doherty, Kapulkin, Maehara.

# f1 - Definitions & Motivation.

## f1.1 - Cubical Sets.

use $\downarrow$ to model $\rightarrow$	$(\infty, 1)$ - cats.	$(\infty, 2)$ - cats.
$sSet = \hat{\Delta}$	quasicategories. 1-complicial sets	2-complicial sets.
$cSet = \hat{\square}$	cubical quasicats (1-comical sets)	2-comical sets. 11 complicial + cubICAL

Def. The **cube category**  $\square$  is a subcategory  $\square \subseteq Poset$  w/:

• objects =  $[1]^n = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}^n$

• morphisms = generated under composition by:

- faces:  $\partial_{i,\varepsilon} : [1]^{n-1} \rightarrow [1]^n$

$i=1, \dots, n$   
 $\varepsilon=0, 1$

$(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, \varepsilon, \dots, x_{n-1})$

- degeneracies:  $\sigma_i : [1]^n \rightarrow [1]^{n-1}$

$i=1, \dots, n$

$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (\hat{x}_i)$

- connections:  $\gamma_{i,\varepsilon} : [1]^n \rightarrow [1]^{n-1}$

$i=1, \dots, n-1$   
 $\varepsilon=0, 1$

$\gamma_{i,0} : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, \max(x_i, x_{i+1}), \dots, x_n)$

$\gamma_{i,1} : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, \min(x_i, x_{i+1}), \dots, x_n)$

$[1]^0 = 0$   
 $[1]^1 = (0 \rightarrow 1)$   
 $[1]^2 = \begin{matrix} 00 & \rightarrow & 10 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 01 & \rightarrow & 11 \end{matrix}$

$\partial_{2,0} : [1]^1 \rightarrow [1]^2$   
 $\begin{matrix} 0 & \rightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 00 & \rightarrow & 10 \\ 01 & \rightarrow & 11 \end{matrix}$

$\sigma_2 : [1]^2 \rightarrow [1]^1$   
 $\begin{matrix} 00 & \rightarrow & 0 \\ 10 & \rightarrow & 0 \\ 11 & \rightarrow & 1 \end{matrix}$



$i^{th}$  place.

Rk. These maps  $\partial, \sigma, \gamma$  satisfy "cubical identities" which are similar to the simplicial analogs ... (+ rules describing connections).

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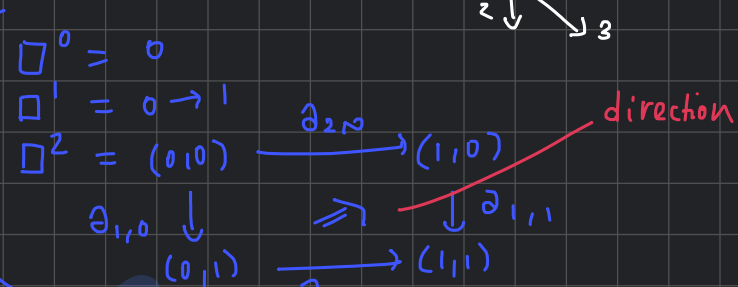
Def. A cubical set is a presheaf on  $\square$ ,

i.e. a functor  $\square^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

A map between them is a nat'l transk. of such functors.

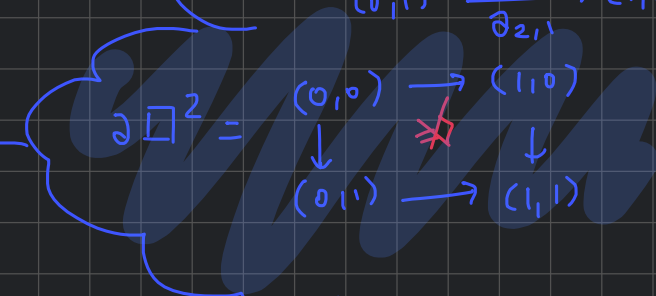
Eg. For  $n=0,1,2,\dots$  the standard  $n$ -cube:

$$\square^n := \mathcal{K}([1]^n) = \text{Hom}_{\square}(-, [1]^n)$$



• For  $n=0,1,\dots$  the boundary of  $\square^n$

$$\partial \square^n := \bigcup_{\substack{i=1,\dots,n \\ \epsilon=0,1}} \partial_{i,\epsilon} \square^{n-1}$$

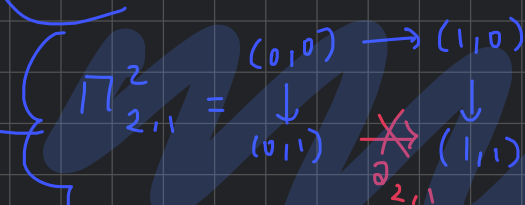


• For  $n \geq 1$  the  $(i,\epsilon)^{th}$  open box

$$i=1,2,\dots$$

$$\epsilon=0,1$$

$$\square_{i,\epsilon}^n = \partial \square^n - \partial_{i,\epsilon} \square^{n-1}$$



rk. • Degeneracies of  $\square^1 = (0 \xrightarrow{f} 1)$ :

$$f \sigma_2 : \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \xrightarrow{f} & 1 \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & \xrightarrow{f} & 1 \end{array}$$

$$f \sigma_1 : \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & = & 0 \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ 1 & = & 1 \end{array}$$

convention:  $=$  is a degenerate edge.

• Connections of  $\square^1 = (0 \rightarrow 1)$ :

$$\sigma'_{1,0} (0 \rightarrow 1) = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \xrightarrow{f} & 1 \\ f \downarrow & & \parallel \\ 1 & = & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\sigma'_{1,1} = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & = & 0 \\ \parallel & f & \downarrow f \\ 0 & \xrightarrow{f} & 1 \end{array}$$

Rk. Note that connections are an additional type of degeneracy that shows up in this setting. In the cubical setting,  $n$ -cubes are called deg. if they arise as the face or the connection of another  $n$ -cube.

Rk. Any map in  $\square$  can be written as a composite of the form:

(face maps)(connections)(degeneracies)

in a specific order.

We'll call this the "standard form" of the map.

Rk. Sometimes people define cubical sets w/o some or any connections

$$\square_{\emptyset} = \square - \{\text{all connections}\}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$

$$\text{cset}_{\emptyset} = \hat{\square}_{\emptyset}$$

"minimal cubical sets"

$$\square_0 = \square - \{\text{positive connections}\}$$

(resp.  $\square_1$ ) (resp. negative)

$\rightsquigarrow$

$$\text{cset}_0 = \hat{\square}_0$$

"cubical sets w/ negative connections" positive

## 1.2 - Marked cubical sets + conical sets.

Def. The marked cube category  $\square^+$  consists of ...

- objects:  $[1]^n$   
 $[1]_e^n$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} n=0, 1, 2, \dots \end{array} \right\}$

- morphisms: generated by the maps:

- faces  $\partial$

- degeneracies  $\sigma$

- connections  $\gamma$

-  $\varphi^n: [1]^n \rightarrow [1]_e^n$

-  $\zeta_i^n: [1]_e^n \rightarrow [1]^{n-1}$

-  $\xi_{i,E}^n: [1]_e^n \rightarrow [1]^{n-1}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{same as} \\ \text{before} \end{array} \right\}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} n=1, 2, \dots \\ i=1, 2, \dots, n \\ E=0, 1 \end{array} \right\}$

$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{will represent} \\ \text{markings } (\varphi) \\ \& \text{ how markings} \\ \text{should interact w/} \\ \text{degeneracies } (\zeta) \\ \text{or connections } (\xi) \end{array} \right)$

subject to the cubical identities

+  
additional relations relating  $\varphi, \zeta, \xi$   
[omitted]

(pre-)

Def.

A marked conical set is a presheaf on  $\square^+$ .  
i.e. a functor  $X: (\square^+)^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

Rk. Similarly as in compl sets, marked simplices are meant to be the "weak equivalences" in the corresponding (co,n)-cat.

RK. What do these new objects & maps represent?

- $[I]_e^n$  : represents a marked  $n$ -cube. — underlying  $\square^n$  — marking: only top-dimensional face.

$$\rightsquigarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\square^+}(-, [I]_e^n) = \square_e^n$$

for a marked cset  $X: (\square^+)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $eX_n := X([I]_e^n) = \text{marked } n\text{-cubes of } X$

- $\varphi^*: \square_e^n \rightarrow \square^n$  represents a marking

$$\rightsquigarrow eX_n \rightarrow X_n \quad \text{marked } n\text{-cubes of } X$$

- $\xi_i^*$  :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\xi_i^*} & eX_n \\ & \searrow \scriptstyle \text{=} & \downarrow \varphi^* \\ & \xrightarrow{\xi_i} & X_n \end{array}$$

i.e. degenerate  $n$ -cubes are marked

- $\xi_{i,\varepsilon}^*$  :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\xi_{i,\varepsilon}^*} & eX_n \\ & \searrow \scriptstyle \text{=} & \downarrow \varphi^* \\ & \xrightarrow{\xi_{i,\varepsilon}^*} & X_n \end{array}$$

i.e. connections are marked.

(structurally)  
Def. A marked cubical set is a presheaf on  $\square^+$ , i.e. a functor:

$$X: (\square^+)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}.$$

such that the maps  $\varphi^*: eX_n \rightarrow X_n$  are monomorphisms.

Rk. Remember  $\varphi^*$  represents markings, so saying these are mono's is saying that an  $n$ -cube can be marked at most once.

This makes marking a property rather than structure.

e.g. • the standard marked  $n$ -cube  $\square^n = \text{Hom}_{\square^+}(-, [1]^n)$  w/ only degenerate cubes marked.

• the standard  $(i, \varepsilon)$ -open boxes w/ same underlying w/ same marking  $\uparrow$

• the  $(i, \varepsilon)$ -conical  $n$ -cube  $\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n$   
 w/ underlying cubical set  $\square^n$   
 & everything marked except non-deg  $\square^k \rightarrow \square_{i, \varepsilon}^n$   
 s.t. either: • the standard form of  $\alpha$  contains

- $\partial_{i, \varepsilon}$  or  $\partial_{i, \varepsilon-1}$
- for some  $j > i$ , the stand. form of  $\alpha$  contains  $\partial_{j, \varepsilon}$  &  $\partial_{m, 1-\varepsilon}$   
 $\forall j > m > i$
- for some  $j < i$ , the stand. form of  $\alpha$  contains  $\partial_{j, \varepsilon}$  &  $\partial_{m, 1-\varepsilon}$   
 $\forall j < m < i$

$$\square_{1,0}^2 = \begin{array}{ccc} (0,0) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{2,0}} & (1,0) \\ \downarrow \partial_{1,0} & \sim & \downarrow \partial_{1,1} \\ (0,1) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{2,1}} & (1,1) \end{array}$$

• the  $(i, \varepsilon)$ -conical open box  $\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n$  — underlying is  $\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n$   
 w/ marking inherited from  $\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n$

$$\square_{1,0}^2 = \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \rightarrow & \bullet \\ \downarrow & \sim & \downarrow \\ \bullet & \rightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

•  $(\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n)^1 = \square_{i, \varepsilon}^n$  w/ all  $(n-1)$ -cubes marked except  $\partial_{i, \varepsilon}$

$$(\square_{1,0}^2)^1 = \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \rightarrow & \bullet \\ \downarrow \partial_{1,0} & \sim & \downarrow \\ \bullet & \rightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

•  $\tau_{n-2}(\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n)^1 = (\square_{i, \varepsilon}^n)^1$  w/ all  $k_{\geq n-2}$ -cubes marked

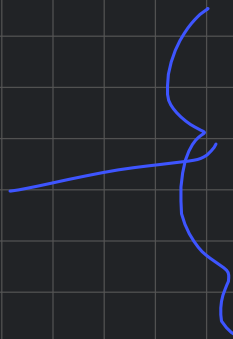
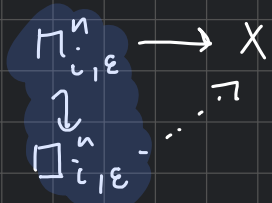
$$\tilde{\square}^2 = \tau_1 \square^2 = \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \rightarrow & \bullet \\ \downarrow & \sim & \downarrow \\ \bullet & \rightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

•  $\tilde{\square}^n = \tau_{n-1} \square^n = \square^n$  w/ all  $k_{\geq n-1}$ -cubes marked  
 $= \kappa([1]_e^n)$

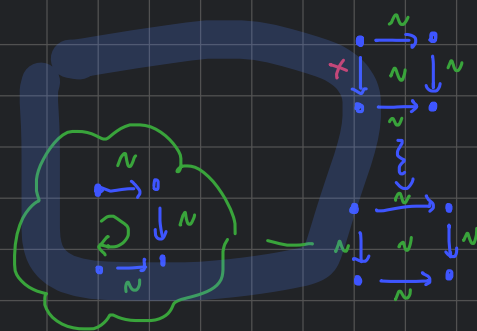
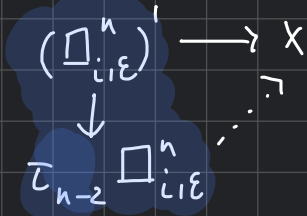
# Comical Sets

Def: A **comical set** is a **marked cubical set** w/ the **RLP** w.r.t. ...

(i) all **comical open-box fillings**



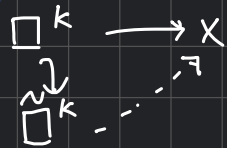
(ii) **elementary comical marking ext's.**



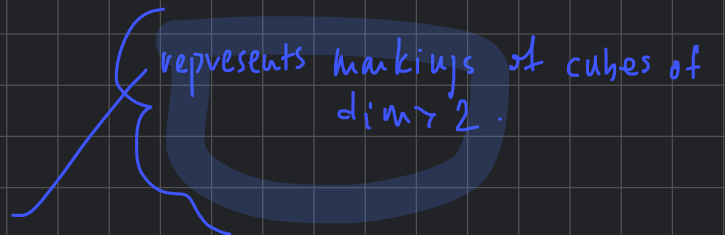
"2-out-of-3" property.

Def. Additionally, a comical set is called...

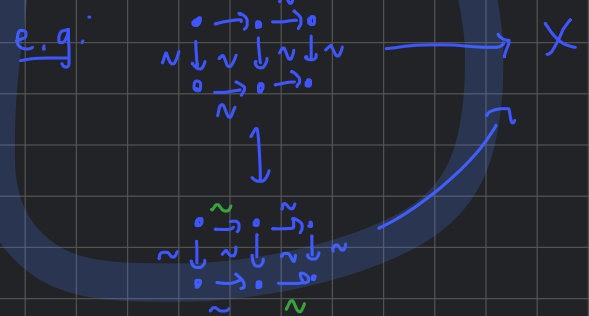
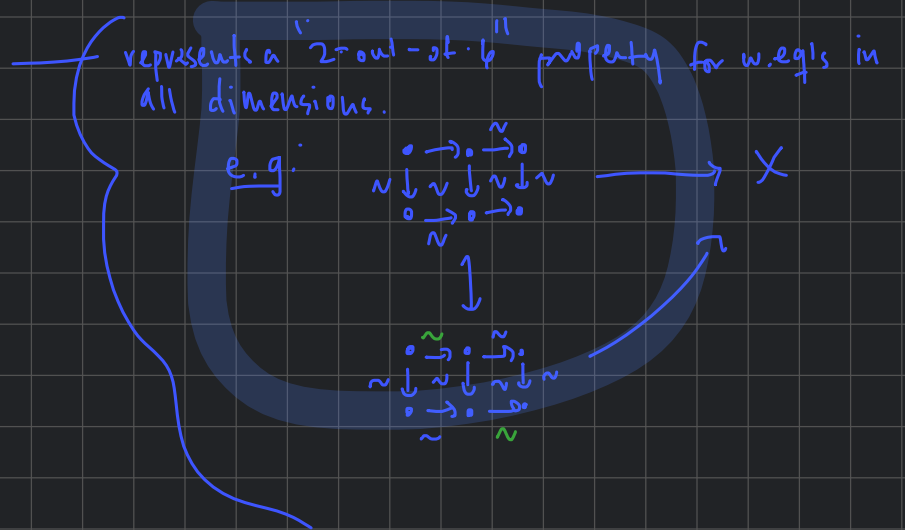
(iii) **2-trivial** if it has **RLP**



for  $k \geq 2$ .



(iv) **saturated** if it has **RLP** w.r.t. **Rezk maps**.



# Comical Sets.

	$\Delta$	$\square$
an $(\infty, 2)$ -cat.	$X \in \mathbf{sSet}^+$	$Y : (\square^+)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
• $n$ -morphisms ( $n=0,1,2,\dots$ )	$X_n = X(\Delta^n)$	$Y_n = Y(\square^n)$
• composition of $n$ -morphisms	$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ \Delta & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \end{array}$ <p>inner horn fillers</p>	$\begin{array}{ccc} \square_{i \in I}^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ \square_{i \in I}^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$ <p>inner box fillings.</p>
• "weak equivalences"	<p>markings</p> $\tilde{\Delta}^n \longrightarrow X$	<p>markings</p> $\square^n \longrightarrow Y$
• comp of weak eq's are weak eq's.	$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^n)_i' & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ (\Delta^n)_i'' & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$	<p>elementary conical marking ext's</p> $\begin{array}{ccc} (\square^n_{i \in I})' & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow \tau_{n-2} & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ \square^n_{i \in I} & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$
• all $k$ -morphisms are w.e.s.	2-triviality	<p>2-triviality:</p> $\begin{array}{ccc} \square^n_{i \in I} & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow \tau_{n-2} & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ \square^n_{i \in I} & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$ <p>for <math>k \geq 2</math>.</p>
• isomorphisms in all levels.	saturatedness	<p>saturated: <math>Y \in \mathbf{RLP}\{\text{Rezk maps}\}</math></p> <p>(marked cubes) = (invertible morphisms) in all levels</p>



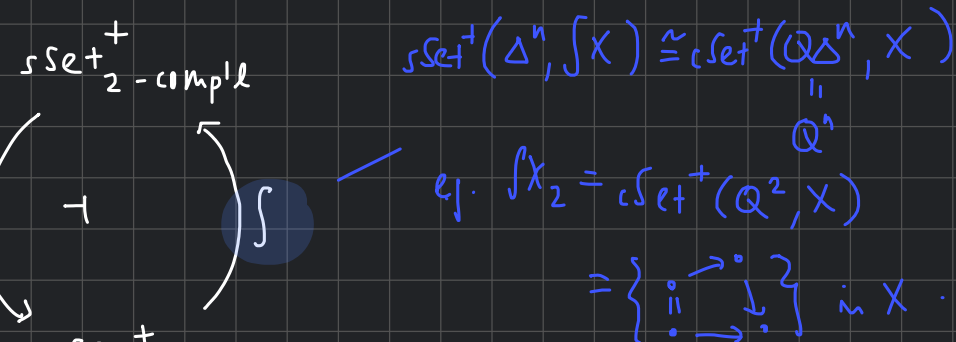
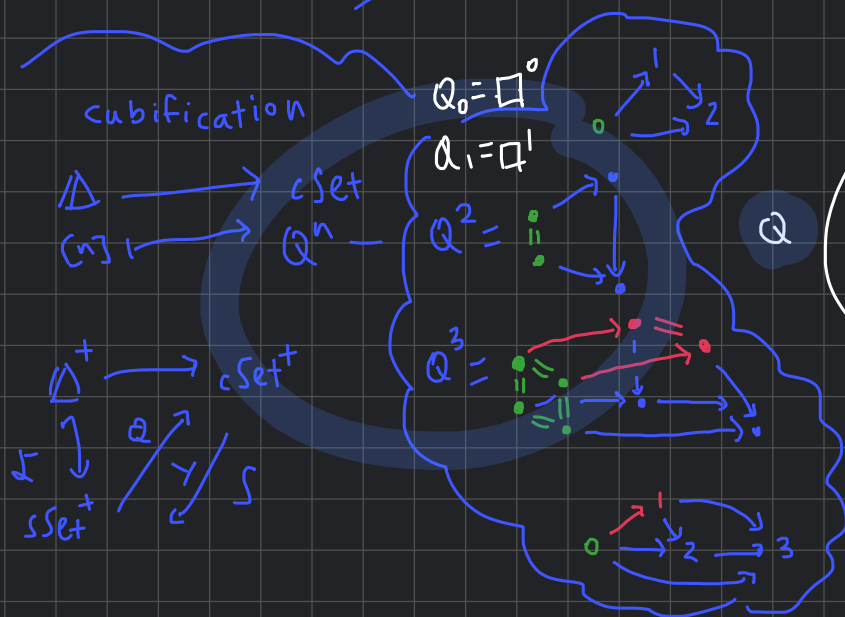
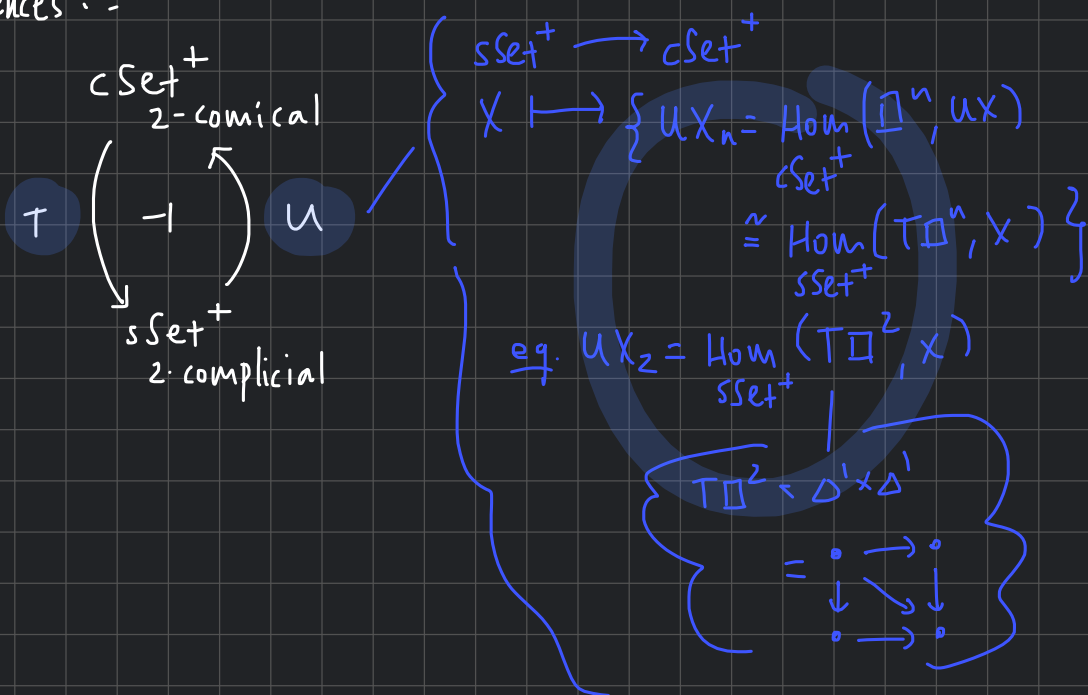
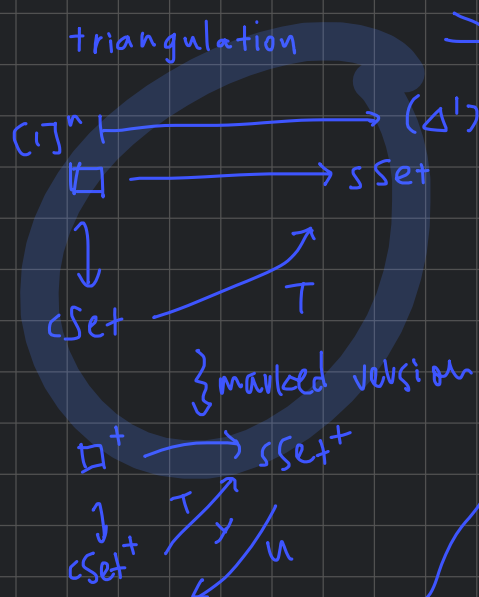
The model structure ..

Def. There's a model structure on  $\mathbf{cSet}^+$  in which 2-comical sets are the fibrant objects..  
[DKM]:

• cofibs = monomorphisms of  $\mathbf{cSet}^+$ .

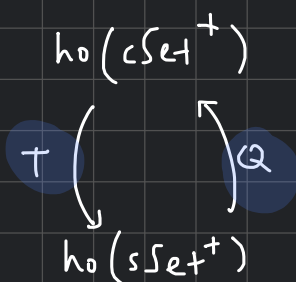
• fibs w/ fibrant domain = RLP  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \Pi_{i \in I}^n \hookrightarrow \square_{i \in I}^n \\ \bullet \text{com'l marking ext's} \\ \bullet \text{markings } \square^n \rightarrow \tilde{\square}^n \text{ for } n \geq 2 \\ \bullet \text{Rezk maps} \end{array} \right\}$

Thm [DKM]: There are Quillen equivalences ..



Since 2-complicial sets model  $(\infty, 2)$ -cats this exhibits 2-comical sets as an equivalent model for  $(\infty, 2)$ -cats.

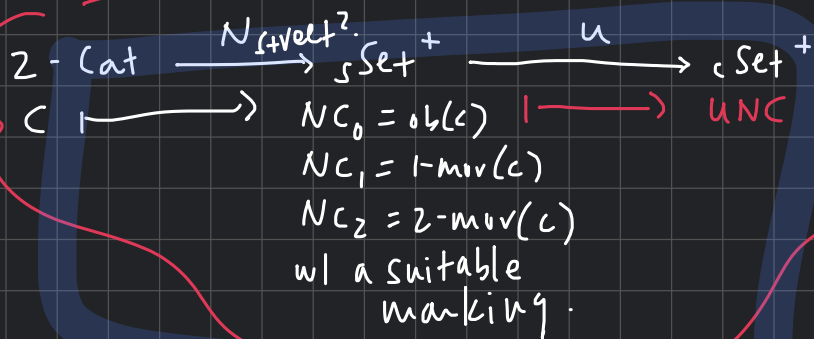
Thm. [DKM]. The derived functors



form an equivalence of categories.

$(\infty, 2) - \text{cats}$ .

•  $(2 - \text{cats})$ :



I don't think this has been written down carefully.

•  $(1\text{-comical sets})$ : There's a similar Quillen equivalence for

$$\{1\text{-comical sets}\} \xleftarrow{\sim} \{1\text{-complicial sets}\}$$

$1\text{-comical sets}$  are a trivial kind of  $2\text{-comical set}$

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in which all  $2\text{-cubes}$  are marked (made into weak equiv's).

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$$\{q\text{-cats}\} = \{1\text{-compl sets}\} \xleftarrow{\sim} \{1\text{-comical sets}\}.$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$\{2\text{-compl sets}\} \xleftarrow{\sim} \{2\text{-comical sets}\}.$$

•  $(\text{quasicategories})$ :

$$\{q\text{cats}\} \xleftarrow{\sim} \{1\text{-complicial sets}\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{1\text{-comical sets}\}$$

$$q\text{cat} \xrightarrow{\quad} s\text{Set}^+ \xrightarrow{\sim} c\text{Set}^+$$

•  $(\text{cubical quasicats})$ :

$$\{\square^1 \text{ quasicats}\} \xrightarrow{\text{mark equivalences - all } n\text{-cubes } n \geq 1} \{1\text{-comical set}\}$$

wasn't in the thesis

also hasn't been written down yet?

## Gray $\otimes$

Recall:

The Gray  $\otimes$  is the  $\otimes$  that gives a  $\otimes$ -Hom adjunction for 2-cats.

$$\text{Hom}_{2\text{-cat}}(X \otimes Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_{2\text{-cat}}(X, \text{Hom}_{2\text{-cat}}(Y, Z))$$

In 1-cats this is just cartesian  $\times$  ... but in 2-cats we need something else..

eg.  $(\circ \rightarrow \circ) \times (\circ \rightarrow \circ) = \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \\ \downarrow & \text{---} & \downarrow \\ \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \end{array}$  {in 2-cats we want this to be a weak eq. (invertible 2-mor)}

$$\otimes_{\text{lax}} : X, Y \in 2\text{-cat} \dots \quad \Sigma_{0 \rightarrow 1} \otimes_{\text{lax}} \Sigma_{0,1} = \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \\ \downarrow & \text{---} & \downarrow \\ \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \end{array}$$

$$\otimes_{\text{pseudo}} : \quad \Sigma_{0 \rightarrow 1} \otimes_{\text{pseudo}} \Sigma_{0,1} = \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \\ \downarrow & \text{---} & \downarrow \\ \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \end{array}$$

We'd want an analogous construction in 2-comical sets..

Def. The geometric product of cubical sets  $X, Y$  is a cubical set  $X \otimes_{\text{geo}} Y$  w/..

$$(X \otimes_{\text{geo}} Y)_n := \{x \otimes y : x \in X_k, y \in Y_l, k+l=n, (x\sigma_{k+1}) \otimes y = x \otimes (y\sigma_1)\}$$

w/ face & degeneracy maps... [omitted].

(In particular an  $n$ -cube  $x \otimes y \in X \otimes Y$  is non-deg. if both  $x \in X, y \in Y$  are non-deg.)

$$\text{eg. } \square'_{\text{geo}} \otimes \square' = (0 \xrightarrow{f} 1) \otimes (0' \xrightarrow{g} 1') = \begin{array}{ccc} [0,0] & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 0'} & [1,0] \\ \downarrow 0 \otimes g & \text{---} & \downarrow 1 \otimes g \\ [0,1] & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1'} & [1,1] \end{array}$$

Def. The (lax|pseudo) Gray  $\otimes$  of marked  $\square'$  sets  $X, Y$  is a marked  $\square'$  set  $X \otimes_{\text{lax/ps.}} Y$ ...

• (lax):  $X \otimes_{\text{lax}} Y = \begin{cases} \text{underlying } \square' \text{ set is } X \otimes_{\text{geo}} Y \\ \text{an } n\text{-cube } x \otimes y \text{ is marked if either } x \in X \text{ or } y \in Y \text{ is marked.} \end{cases}$

• (pseudo):  $X \otimes_{\text{ps.}} Y = \begin{cases} \text{underlying } \square' \text{ set is } X \otimes_{\text{geo}} Y \\ \text{an } n\text{-cube } x \otimes y \text{ is unmarked if either } x \in X_0 \text{ \& } y \text{ is unmarked} \\ \text{or } y \in Y_0 \text{ \& } x \text{ is unmarked.} \end{cases}$

$$\square'_{\text{lax}} \otimes \square' = \begin{array}{ccc} [0,0] & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 0'} & [1,0] \\ \downarrow 0 \otimes g & \text{---} & \downarrow 1 \otimes g \\ [0,1] & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1'} & [1,1] \end{array}$$

$$\square'_{\text{ps.}} \otimes \square' = \begin{array}{ccc} [0,0] & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 0'} & [1,0] \\ \downarrow 0 \otimes g & \text{---} & \downarrow 1 \otimes g \\ [0,1] & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1'} & [1,1] \end{array}$$

Rk. Compare this to the Gray  $\otimes$  in compl sets, which was more complicated (involved unwieldy "i-cloven" conditions...)

Thm [CKM]: The  $\Delta^{\text{ion}}$  functor  $T: \text{cSet}^+ \rightarrow \text{PreComp}$  is strong monoidal w.r.t. both lax & pseudo Gray  $\otimes$ .

$$T(X \otimes Y) = TX \otimes TY$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{PreComp} \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ \text{cSet} & \longrightarrow & \text{sSet} \end{array}$$

Talk w/ Udit re: Gray  $\otimes$

if he's not gonna talk about it then mention that  $T: \text{cSet}^+ \rightarrow \text{sSet}^+$  is w/ strong monid but up to w.eq.  $T(X \otimes Y) \cong TX \otimes TY$ .