

An extensional perspective on higher categorical models of linear logic

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Sets $X, Y, \dots \in \mathbf{Set}$

\rightsquigarrow ∞ -groupoids $X, Y, \dots \in \mathcal{S}$
(a.k.a. “spaces” or “homotopy types”)

Categories $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \mathbf{Cat}$

\rightsquigarrow ∞ -categories $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \infty\mathbf{Cat}$

Hom-set $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \in \mathbf{Set}$

\rightsquigarrow Hom- ∞ -groupoid $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \in \mathcal{S}$

Associative and unital composition

\rightsquigarrow Associativity and unitality up to
higher coherent isomorphisms

\mathbf{Cat} is a $(2, 1)$ -category

\rightsquigarrow $\infty\mathbf{Cat}$ is an ∞ -category

Terminal object : $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, *)$ is a singleton

\rightsquigarrow $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, *)$ is contractible

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- adjunctions
 - (co)limits
 - kan extensions
 - (symmetric) monoidal structures, (co)monoids

We often drop the prefix “ ∞ ” for brevity.

Definition ([Ben95])

A *linear-non-linear adjunction* is an adjunction

$$(\mathcal{M}, \times) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \xleftarrow[\mathcal{M}]{\perp} \end{array} (\mathcal{L}, \otimes)$$

between a cartesian category \mathcal{M} and a symmetric monoidal closed category \mathcal{L} , where the left adjoint $L : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ is strongly monoidal $L(X \times Y) \simeq LX \otimes LY$.

The functor $LM : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ models the exponential of linear logic.

Example (Lafont exponential)

If $(\mathcal{L}, \otimes, \multimap)$ admits cofree cocommutative comonoids, there is a linear-non-linear adjunction

$$(\text{Comon}(\mathcal{L}), \times) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow[\quad]{\perp} \end{array} (\mathcal{L}, \otimes).$$

Intensional and extensional perspectives

Intensional	Extensional
$\{x^2 + 4x + 1 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$	$\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x + 3 \text{ is a perfect square}\}$
Matrix $(a_{ij}) \in M_{m,n}(k)$	Linear map $k^m \rightarrow k^n$

Categorically:

category	$k\text{-Mat}$	$k\text{-Vect}$
objects	natural numbers m, n	finite-dimensional k -vector spaces E, F
morphisms	matrices $M \in M_{m,n}(k)$	linear maps $E \rightarrow F$

The functor $m \mapsto k^m : k\text{-Mat} \rightarrow k\text{-Vect}$ is an equivalence of categories.

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The category of posets and posetal relations

Definition

The category \mathbf{Porel} of posets and posetal relations has

- objects: posets
- morphisms: relations $R \subseteq X \times Y$ such that $\forall x, x', y, y',$

$$x' \geq x \text{ } R \text{ } y \geq y' \implies x' R y'$$

or equivalently, $R : X \times Y^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Bool}$

- cartesian product: disjoint union of underlying posets $X \sqcup Y$
- tensor product: cartesian product of underlying posets $X \otimes Y$

The category of suplattices

Definition

The category SupLat of suplattices has

- objects: complete lattices (E, \leq)
- morphisms: monotonous maps $f : E \rightarrow F$ that **preserve all joins**
- cartesian products: cartesian product of underlying posets
- a tensor product such that

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{SupLat}}(E \otimes F, G) \simeq \text{Bilin}(E \times F, G)$$

where $f : E \times F \rightarrow G$ is in $\text{Bilin}(E \times F, G)$ if and only if it preserves joins separately in both variables.

The extensional perspective on posetal relations

Every poset X defines a suplattice $P(X)$ of **downwards-closed subsets of X** called the **powerset** of X .

Every posetal relation $R \subset X \times Y$ induces a suplattice morphism

$$\begin{aligned} P(X) &\rightarrow P(Y) \\ U \subseteq X &\mapsto \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in U, x R y\} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

The induced functor $P(-) : \mathbf{Porel} \rightarrow \mathbf{SupLat}$ is fully faithful. In other words, the full subcategory of \mathbf{SupLat} on powerset lattices is equivalent to \mathbf{Porel} .

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The multiset exponential on relations and suplattices

The multiset functor $\text{Mul} : \text{Poset} \rightarrow \text{Poset}$ lifts to an exponential comonad $\text{Mul} : \text{Porel} \rightarrow \text{Porel}$.

Proposition

Given a poset X , $\text{Mul}(X)$ is the cofree cocommutative comonoid on X in Porel .

Proposition

SupLat admits cofree cocommutative comonoids, and $P : \text{Porel} \rightarrow \text{SupLat}$ preserves them.

Hence SupLat extends Porel as a model of linear logic.

The Scott exponential on SupLat and Porel

Definition

Scott the category of posets with joins of **directed families** and monotonous maps that preserve directed joins.

There is a chain of symmetric monoidal left adjoints

$$\text{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\perp} \end{array} \text{Poset} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\perp} \end{array} \text{Scott} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\perp} \end{array} \text{SupLat}$$

where the monoidal structures on Set, Poset and Scott are cartesian.

\rightsquigarrow 3 exponential comonads on SupLat that restrict to Porel as follows: $!_{\text{Set}}$, $!_{\text{Poset}}$ and $!_{\text{Scott}}$.

- $!_{\text{Set}}(E) = P(|E|)$ the powerset on the underlying set of E .
- $!_{\text{Poset}}(E) = P(E)$ the completion of E under arbitrary joins.
- $!_{\text{Scott}}(E) =$ the completion of E under finite joins.

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Categorifying relations

Going from 0-categories (posets) to ∞ -categories :

posetal relations \rightsquigarrow ∞ -profunctors

Definition

Let \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} be ∞ -categories.

A profunctor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{D}$ is a functor $F : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$.

Not clear how to define an ∞ -category of ∞ -categories and profunctors: composition is usually defined using coends, and associativity is shown by hand using coend computations.

Getting higher coherences seems impossible using this approach.

The extensional perspective on profunctors

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}}{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S})}}{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{D})} \quad (\text{kan extension along Yoneda})$$
$$\frac{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{D})}{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow_{\text{cc}} \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{D})}$$

Hence profunctors correspond to cocontinuous functors between presheaf ∞ -categories.

Definition

Write $\infty\text{Cat}_{\text{cc}}$ for the ∞ -category of ∞ -categories with small colimits and functors that preserve them (called *cocontinuous functors*).

Write ∞Prof for its full subcategory on the presheaf ∞ -categories.

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Monoidal structures on ∞ -categories of ∞ -categories

Definition

Given a class \mathbb{K} of diagrams, write $\infty\text{Cat}_{\mathbb{K}}$ for the subcategory of ∞Cat on ∞ -categories that admit colimits indexed by diagrams in \mathbb{K} and functors that preserve those colimits.

- symmetric monoidal closed structure on $\infty\text{Cat}_{\mathbb{K}}$
- monoidal left adjoints to forgetting of colimits when $\mathbb{K} \subset \mathbb{K}'$

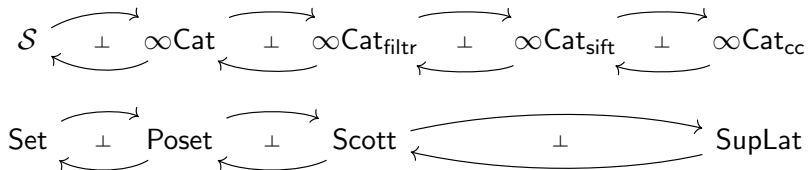
$$(\infty\text{Cat}_{\mathbb{K}}, \otimes) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad \perp \quad} \end{array} (\infty\text{Cat}_{\mathbb{K}'}, \otimes)$$

Cocompletion-based exponentials

Example

- $\infty\text{Cat}_\emptyset = \infty\text{Cat}$
- $\infty\text{Cat}_{\text{cc}}$ for $\mathbb{K} = \text{all (small) diagrams}$ (“cc” for cocontinuous)
- $\infty\text{Cat}_{\text{filtr}}$ for *filtered* diagrams
- $\infty\text{Cat}_{\text{sift}}$ for *sifted* diagrams

“Filtered” and “sifted” diagrams are different categorical generalizations of *directed posets*.



Cocompletion-based exponentials (2)

$$\infty\mathrm{Cat}_{\mathrm{filtr}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \end{array} \infty\mathrm{Cat}_{\mathrm{cc}}$$

$!_{\mathrm{filtr}}X =$ cocompletion under finite colimits

$$\infty\mathrm{Cat}_{\mathrm{sift}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \end{array} \infty\mathrm{Cat}_{\mathrm{cc}}$$

$!_{\mathrm{sift}}X =$ cocompletion under finite coproducts

$$\mathrm{Scott} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \end{array} \mathrm{SupLat}$$

$!_{\mathrm{Scott}}X =$ cocompletion under finite joins

What about the free exponential ?

Free exponential on Prof

Theorem ([Lur17])

Let (\mathcal{C}, \otimes) with countable colimits. If $X \otimes - : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ preserves small colimits, \mathcal{C} admits free commutative monoids, given by

$$A \mapsto \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A^{\otimes n} // \mathfrak{S}_n$$

This applies to $\infty\text{Cat}_{\text{cc}}$!

Theorem

$$\mathcal{C} \mapsto \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{C}^{\otimes n} // \mathfrak{S}_n$$

is the free commutative monoid on \mathcal{C} in $\infty\text{Cat}_{\text{cc}}$.

Free exponential on Prof (2)

$\mathcal{P} : \infty\text{Prof} \rightarrow \infty\text{Cat}_{\text{cc}}$ preserves free commutative monoids.

$$\coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})^{\otimes n} // \mathfrak{S}_n \simeq \mathcal{P}(\text{Sym}(\mathcal{C}))$$

$\rightsquigarrow \infty\text{Prof}$ admits free commutative monoids.

∞Prof is self-dual by $\mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$, so it has cofree cocommutative comonoids

$$\mathcal{C} \mapsto (\text{Sym}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}))^{\text{op}} \simeq \text{Sym}(\mathcal{C})$$

Non-linear maps are generalized species

Non-linear maps:

$$\mathrm{Sym}(\mathcal{C}) \times \mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

“generalized ∞ -species of structure” [Fio+08]

In 1-categories, $F : \mathrm{Sym}(\mathcal{C}) \times \mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathrm{Set}$ corresponds to **analytic functor** [Fio13]

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{D})$$

Bonus: recovering spans from profunctors

Given groupoids X, Y , a 1-profunctor $X \nrightarrow Y$ is a functor $X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, which corresponds to a discrete fibration $Z \rightarrow X \times Y$.

X, Y ∞ -groupoids. ∞ -profunctor $X \nrightarrow Y = \text{functor } X \times Y \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$, which corresponds to an arbitrary functor $Z \rightarrow X \times Y$, or in other words a span

$$X \longleftarrow Z \longrightarrow Y$$

∞ -profunctors between ∞ -groupoids correspond exactly to spans of ∞ -groupoids.

\leadsto ∞ -categorical span model of linear logic (earlier span models include [Mel19; CF23])

- The extensional approach to relations tends itself very well to formal generalizations in higher-categorical settings.
- Leveraging the existing theory of cocompletions in ∞ -categories, we found ∞ -categorical analogues to the Scott exponential of linear logic.
- Using the theory of free monoids in ∞ -categories, we also built the free exponential on profunctors.
- This way we defined an ∞ -category of generalized species.
- While defining the usual bicategory of species involves heavy coend computations, in ∞ -categories we had to work more abstractly using the extensional perspective: computational behavior can only be recovered afterward.

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