

Constructions Quasicategories

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Whenever we are making a construction with ∞ -categories we will generally define it for \mathbf{sSet} and we want them to satisfy four general principles:

- *Generalize*: The construction is compatible with the nerve functor.
- *Coherence*: The construction is a coherent version of the classical construction.
- *Closed*: The construction applied to \mathbf{Qcat} gives \mathbf{Qcat} as output.
- *Invariance*: Equivalent \mathbf{Qcat} give equivalent outputs.

In what follows X and Y are arbitrary simplicial sets, C and D are \mathbf{Qcat} , while A and B are ordinary categories.

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- Closed: product of \mathbf{Qcat} is a \mathbf{Qcat} .
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Arbitrary coproduct $(\coprod_{i \in I} X_i)_n = \coprod_{i \in I} (X_i)_n$

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Subcategory $C' \subseteq C$ subcomplex is an ∞ -subcategory if for every inner horn Λ_k^n : if $f : \Delta^n \rightarrow C$ is such that $f(\Lambda_k^n) \subseteq C'$ then $f(\Delta^n) \subseteq C'$.

- Generalize: applied to usual categories gives the usual notion.
- C' is a full subcategory when the following holds: a simplex of C is in C' if and only if all its vertices are in C' .

Opposite Qcat $X^{\text{op}} = X \circ \text{op}$ where $\text{op} : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ is the involution that reverse the order ($[n] \rightarrow [n]$ sends x to $n - x$).

- Generalize: $(NC)^{\text{op}} = N(C^{\text{op}})$.
- Closed: since $(\Lambda_k^n)^{\text{op}} = \Lambda_{n-k}^n$ it's still inner.

Homotopy category hC is an ordinary category:

- $\text{Obj}(hC) = C_0$.
- $\text{Hom}_{hC}(x, y) = \text{Hom}_C(x, y) / \text{homotopy}$
- $[f] \circ [g] = [f \circ g]$
- f is an equivalence in C (also called isomorphism in C) iff $[f]$ is an isomorphism in hC .
- $h(C \times D) \cong hC \times hD$

Connected components

$$\pi_0 X \cong \left(\prod_{n \geq 0} X_n \right) / \sim \cong X_0 / \sim_1$$

- \sim : related by a simplicial operator.
- \sim_1 : connected by an edge.

Core of a Qcat $C^\simeq \subseteq C$ is the subcomplex of those elements all whose edges are isomorphisms (namely the "maximal" quasigroupoid in C). For ordinary categories is the subcategory on all the objects and isomorphisms.

- Generalize: $N(C^\simeq) = (NC)^\simeq$
- $\pi_0(C^\simeq)$ is isomorphism classes of objects of C .

Space of functors

$$\text{Fun}(X, Y)_n = \text{Hom}_{\text{sSet}}(\Delta^n \times X, Y)$$

with simplicial operators induced by Δ^n . The functors are the vertices, the natural transformations the edges.

- Generalize: $N(\text{Fun}_{\text{Cat}}(A, B)) \cong \text{Fun}(NA, NB)$.
- Closed: if Y is a qCat then $\text{Fun}(X, Y)$ is a qCat.
- Defines a functor: $\text{Fun} : \text{sSet}^{\text{op}} \times \text{sSet} \rightarrow \text{sSet}$.
- $\text{Fun}(X, _)$ is right adjoint to $_ \times X$.