Monoidal Grothendieck construction

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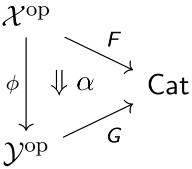
Indexed Categories

2-category ICat:

- objects: (pseudo)functors

$$F\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$$

- 1-morphisms: (pseudo)natural transformations



- 2-morphisms: suitable modifications

Example: Rings and Modules

A ring homomorphism $f\colon k \to k'$ induces a functor

$$f^*\colon \mathrm{Mod}_{k'} \to \mathrm{Mod}_k$$

given by $f^*(M) = M$ but with the k-action defined by

$$r.m = f(r).m$$

for $r \in k$, and

$$f^*(g) = g$$

This gives a functor $\mathrm{Mod}\colon \mathrm{Ring}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathrm{Cat}$ sending a ring to its category of modules and a morphism f to $\mathrm{Mod}_f = f^*$.

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So $\int A = H \rtimes G$, the semidirect product!

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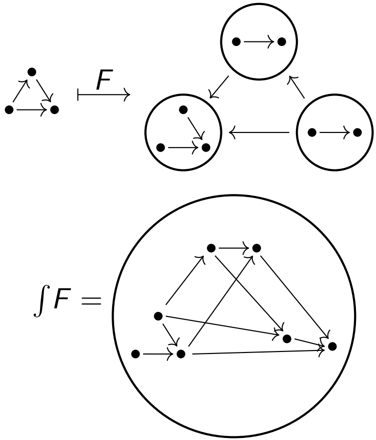

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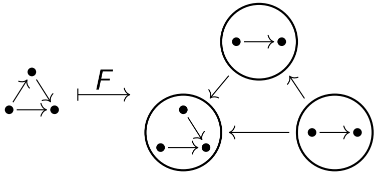

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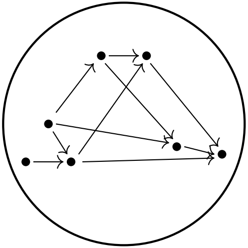

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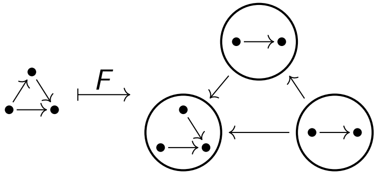

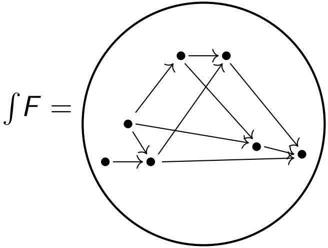

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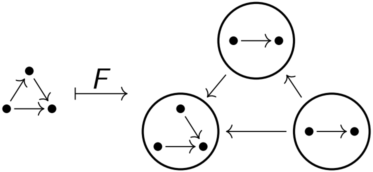

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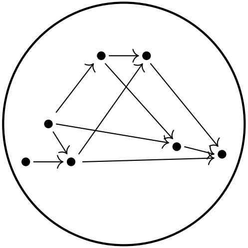

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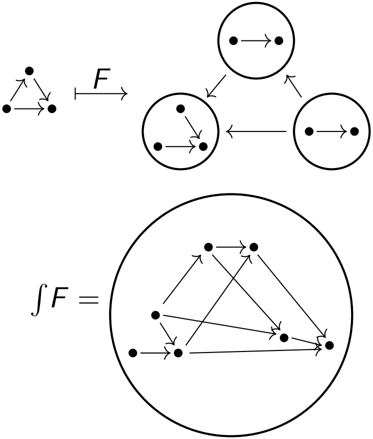

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- We can do better!

Grothendieck Fibrations

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Grothendieck Fibrations

cartesian lift

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{A} & \qquad & a & \xrightarrow{\phi} & b \\ \Big\downarrow{\scriptstyle P} & & & & \\ \mathcal{X} & & x & \xrightarrow{f} & y \end{array}$$

Grothendieck Fibrations

pullback

$$
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Grothendieck Fibrations

reindexing functor

$$P^{-1}y \xrightarrow{f^*} P^{-1}x$$

Fibrations

2-category Fib:

- objects: fibrations $P \colon \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{X}$
- 1-morphisms: commuting square, ϕ_t preserves cartesian morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\phi_t} & \mathcal{B} \\ {\scriptstyle P}\downarrow & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle Q} \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow[\phi_b]{} & \mathcal{Y} \end{array}$$

- 2-morphisms: suitable natural transformations

Example: Graphs

Let Grph denote the category of directed multi-graphs, each represented by a function $E \to V \times V$. Define the vertex functor

$$Vert\colon \mathrm{Grph} \to \mathrm{Set}$$

by sending a graph to its set of vertices, and a map of graphs to its vertex component. *Vert* is a fibration.

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For $F\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$, $\int F$ is naturally fibred over $\mathcal{X}$:

$$\begin{aligned} P_F\colon \textstyle\int F &\to \mathcal{X} \\ (x, a) &\mapsto x \\ (f, k) &\mapsto f \end{aligned}$$

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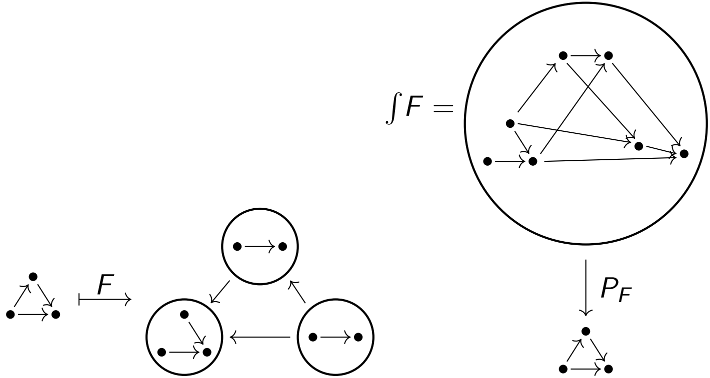

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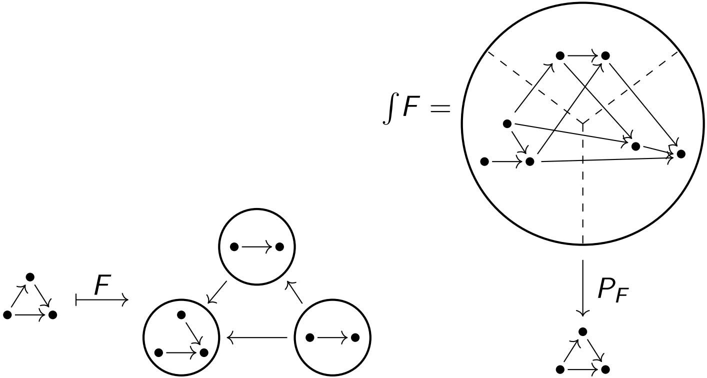

2-Equivalence

Theorem

The Grothendieck construction gives a 2-equivalence:

$$\mathsf{ICat} \cong \mathsf{Fib}$$

Example: Graphs

The fibration

$$Vert \colon \mathsf{Grph} \to \mathsf{Set}$$

corresponds to the indexed category

$$\mathsf{Grph}_{\_} \colon \mathsf{Set}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$$

where Grph_X is the category where

- the objects are graphs with fixed vertex set X
- the morphisms are map of graphs which fix the vertices.

Fixed-base Indexed Categories

2-category $\mathsf{ICat}(\mathcal{X})$:

- objects: (pseudo)functors $F\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$
- 1-morphisms:

$$\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \underset{G}{\overset{F}{\rightrightarrows}} \mathsf{Cat} \qquad \Downarrow \alpha$$

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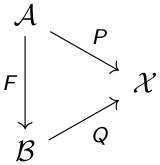
Fixed-base Fibrations

2-category Fib($\mathcal{X}$):

- object
  $P\colon \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{X}$
- 1-morphism



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2-Equivalence for Fixed-base

Theorem

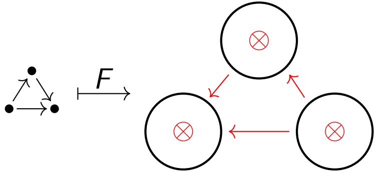
For a category $\mathcal{X}$, the Grothendieck construction gives a 2-equivalence:

$$\mathsf{ICat}(\mathcal{X}) \cong \mathsf{Fib}(\mathcal{X})$$

Fibre-wise Monoidal Indexed Categories

Definition 1

A **fibre-wise monoidal indexed category** is a pseudofunctor $F\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{MonCat}_s$. Let $f\mathsf{MonICat}(\mathcal{X})$ denote the 2-category of fibre-wise monoidal indexed categories



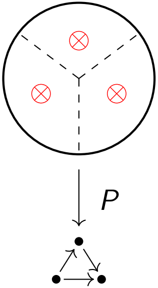
Fibre-wise Monoidal Fibrations

Definition 2

A **(fibre-wise) monoidal fibration** is

- fibration $P\colon \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{X}$
- the fibres $\mathcal{A}_x$ are monoidal
- the reindexing functors are monoidal

Let fMonFib($\mathcal{X}$) denote the 2-category of fibre-wise monoidal fibrations.



Fibre-wise Monoidal Grothendieck Construction

Theorem (Vasilakopoulou, M)

The Grothendieck construction lifts to a 2-equivalence:

$$f\mathsf{MonFib}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq f\mathsf{MonICat}(\mathcal{X})$$

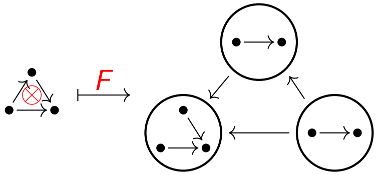
Global Monoidal Indexed Categories

Definition 3

A **(global) monoidal indexed category** is

- an indexed category $F\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$
- $\mathcal{X}$ is monoidal
- F is lax monoidal $(F, \phi)\colon (\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}}, \otimes) \to (\mathsf{Cat}, \times)$

Let $g\mathsf{MonICat}$ denote the 2-category of global monoidal indexed categories.



Global Monoidal Fibrations

Definition 4

A **(global) monoidal fibration** is a fibration $P\colon \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{X}$

- $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{X}$ are monoidal
- P is a strict monoidal functor
- $\otimes_{\mathcal{A}}$ preserves cartesian liftings.

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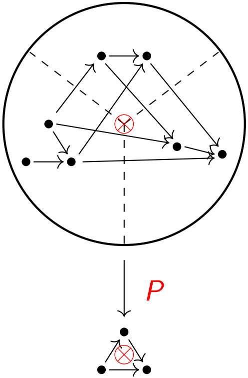

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Cartesian Case

Theorem (Vasilakopoulou, M)

If $\mathcal{X}$ is a cartesian monoidal category, then

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Dually, if $\mathcal{X}$ is cocartesian, then

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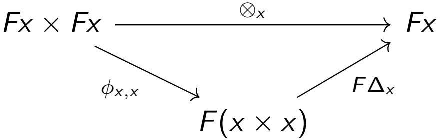

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Given $F\colon X^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{MonCat}$
define $\phi_{x,y}\colon Fx \times Fy \to F(x \times y)$ by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Fx \times Fy & \xrightarrow{\phi_{x,y}} & F(x \times y) \\ & {\scriptstyle F\pi_x \times F\pi_y} \searrow \quad \nearrow {\scriptstyle \otimes_{x \times y}} & \\ & F(x \times y) \times F(x \times y) & \end{array}$$

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(cocartesian) monoidal structure on Grph(X) given by

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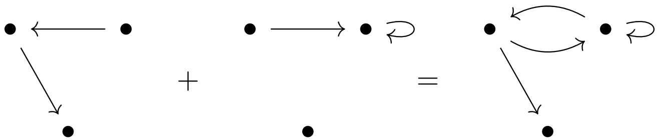

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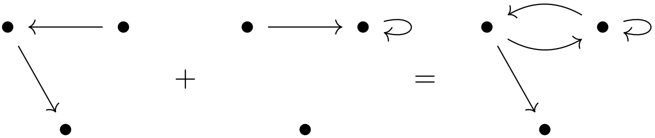


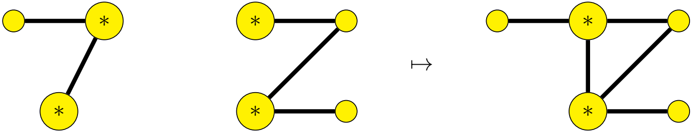
Then we can define a lax monoidal structure on Grph$(-)\colon$ Set $\to$ Cat by

$$\mathrm{Grph}(X) \times \mathrm{Grph}(Y) \xrightarrow{\;+\;} \mathrm{Grph}(X+Y)$$

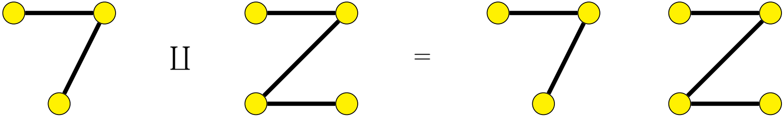
$$\mathrm{Grph}(X) \times \mathrm{Grph}(Y) \xrightarrow{\;i_* \times j_*\;} \mathrm{Grph}(X+Y) \times \mathrm{Grph}(X+Y) \xrightarrow{\;+_{X+Y}\;} \mathrm{Grph}(X+Y)$$

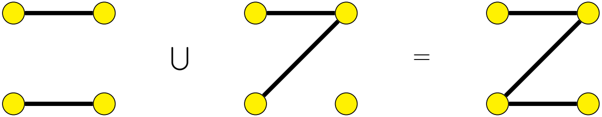
Constructing network operads

Graphs can be combined to create bigger graphs by identifying some of the vertices

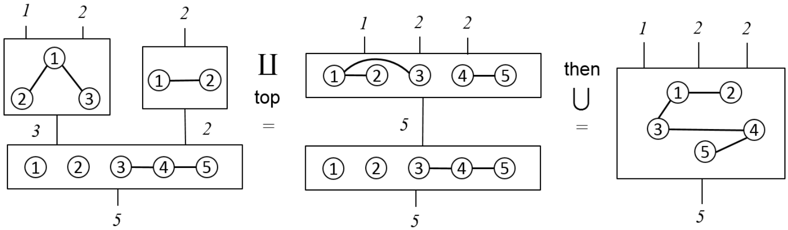


We choose to examine these as combinations of a few simpler operations





We want to construct an operad that captures these operations



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- lax structure $\sqcup\colon \mathrm{SG}(n) \times \mathrm{SG}(m) \to \mathrm{SG}(n+m)$

Types of networks as functors

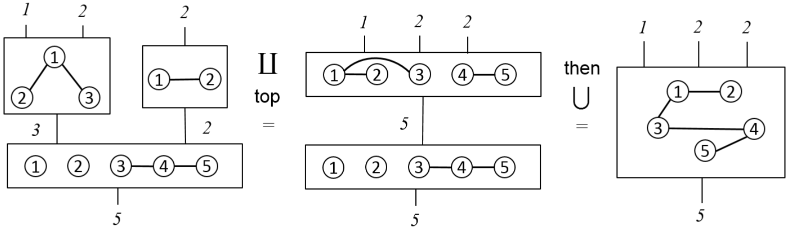
A **network model** is a symmetric lax monoidal functor

$$(F, \phi)\colon (\mathsf{FinBij}, +) \to (\mathsf{Mon}, \times) \hookrightarrow (\mathsf{Cat}, \times)$$

Examples:

- Multigraphs
- Directed Graphs
- Partitions
- Graphs with colored vertices
- Petri Nets
- Graphs with edges weighted by a monoid

$$\mathsf{NetMod} \xrightarrow{\int} \mathsf{SymMonCat} \xrightarrow{op} \mathsf{Operad}$$



The critical difference between ICat and ICat($\mathcal{X}$)

products in ICat:

$$F\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$$
$$G\colon \mathcal{Y}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$$

$$\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \times \mathcal{Y}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{F \times G} \mathsf{Cat} \times \mathsf{Cat} \xrightarrow{\times} \mathsf{Cat}$$

The critical difference between ICat and ICat($\mathcal{X}$)

products in ICat:

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products in ICat($\mathcal{X}$):

$$F, G\colon \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Cat}$$

$$\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \times \mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{F \times G} \mathsf{Cat} \times \mathsf{Cat} \xrightarrow{\times} \mathsf{Cat}$$

The proof

We wrote the definitions so that

- $f\mathsf{MonICat}(\mathcal{X}) \cong \mathsf{PsMon}(\mathsf{ICat}(\mathcal{X}))$.
- $f\mathsf{MonFib}(\mathcal{X}) \cong \mathsf{PsMon}(\mathsf{Fib}(\mathcal{X}))$.
- $g\mathsf{MonICat} \cong \mathsf{PsMon}(\mathsf{ICat})$.
- $g\mathsf{MonFib} \cong \mathsf{PsMon}(\mathsf{Fib})$.

If $A \cong B$, then $\mathsf{PsMon}(A, \times) \cong \mathsf{PsMon}(B, \times)$.

Braided and Symmetric

Theorem (Vasilakopoulou, M)

The Grothendieck construction lifts to equivalences:

$$g\mathsf{BrMonFib}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq g\mathsf{BrMonICat}(\mathcal{X})$$

$$f\mathsf{BrMonFib}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq f\mathsf{BrMonICat}(\mathcal{X})$$

Theorem (Vasilakopoulou, M)

The Grothendieck construction lifts to an equivalence:

$$g\mathsf{SymMonFib}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq g\mathsf{SymMonICat}(\mathcal{X})$$

$$f\mathsf{SymMonFib}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq f\mathsf{SymMonICat}(\mathcal{X})$$

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