

The Grothendieck construction and structured categories

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Indexed Categories

2-category \mathbf{ICat} :

- ▶ objects: (pseudo)functors

$$F: \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$$

- ▶ 1-morphisms: (pseudo)natural transformations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} & & \\ \downarrow \phi & \searrow F & \\ \mathcal{Y}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{G} & \mathbf{Cat} \end{array} \quad \Downarrow \alpha$$

- ▶ 2-morphisms: suitable modifications

Example: Rings and Modules

A ring homomorphism $f: k \rightarrow k'$ induces a functor

$$f^*: \text{Mod}_{k'} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_k$$

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 $\text{Mod}: \text{Ring}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ sending a ring to its category of modules and a morphism f to $\text{Mod}_f = f^*$.

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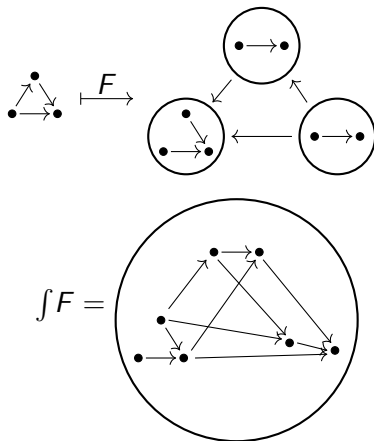
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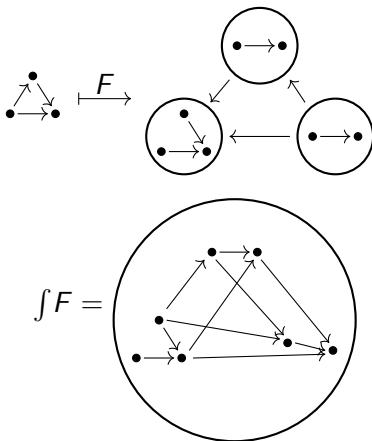
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- ▶ $(g, h) \circ (g', h') = (g \circ g', h \circ g.h')$

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

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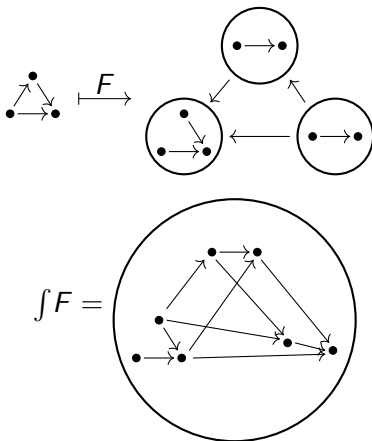


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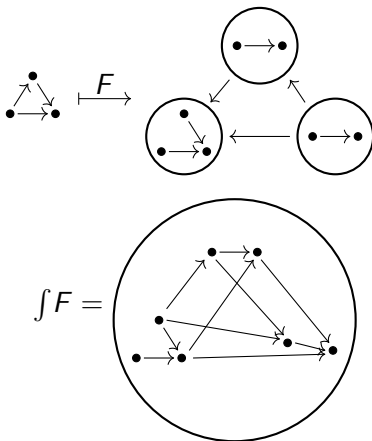
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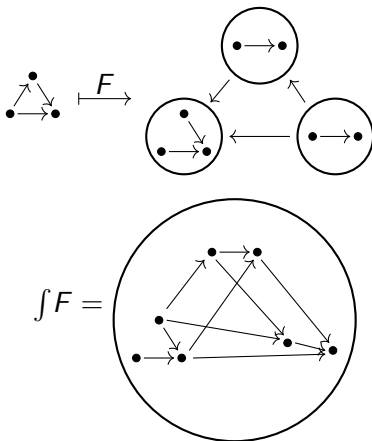
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- ▶ We can do better!

Grothendieck Fibrations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A} & & b \\ \downarrow P & & \\ \mathcal{X} & & \\ & x \xrightarrow{f} & y \end{array}$$

Grothendieck Fibrations

cartesian lift

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

Grothendieck Fibrations

pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A} & & f^*(b) \xrightarrow{\phi} b \\ \downarrow P & & \\ \mathcal{X} & & x \xrightarrow{f} y \end{array}$$

Grothendieck Fibrations

reindexing functor

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

Fibrations

2-category Fib:

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

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

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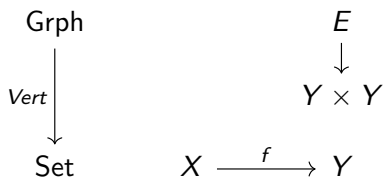
Example: Graphs

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

$$\text{Vert}: \text{Grph} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

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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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Grph} & & \\ \text{Vert} \downarrow & & \\ \text{Set} & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Q & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ X \times X & \xrightarrow{f \times f} & Y \times Y \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & X \xrightarrow{f} Y \end{array}$$

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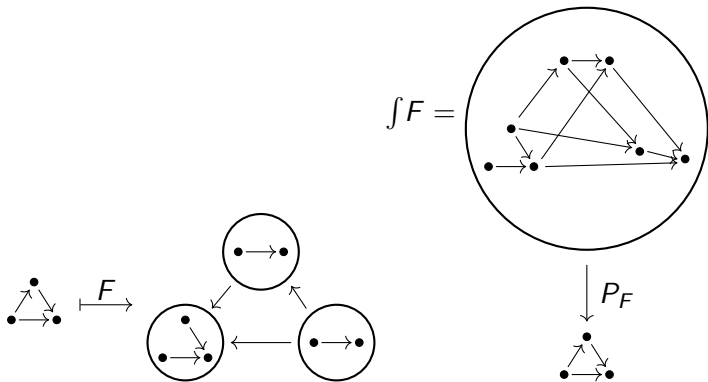
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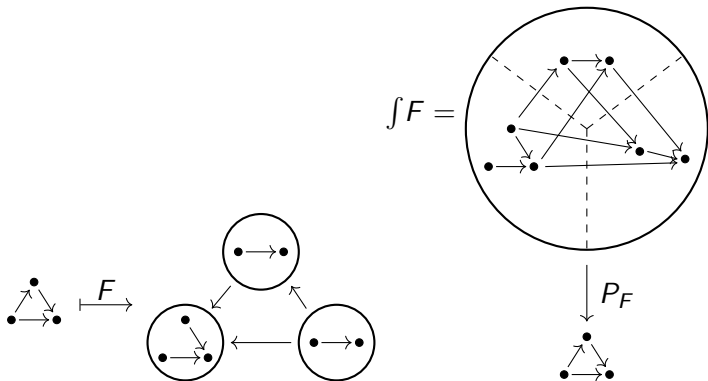
For $F: \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$, $\int F$ is naturally fibred over \mathcal{X} :

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

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2-Equivalence

Theorem

The Grothendieck construction gives a 2-equivalence:

$$\mathbf{ICat} \cong \mathbf{Fib}$$

Example: Graphs

The fibration

$$\text{Vert}: \text{Grph} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

corresponds to the indexed category

$$\text{Grph}_- : \text{Set}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$$

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 $\mathbf{ICat}(\mathcal{X})$:

- ▶ objects: (pseudo)functors $F: \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$
- ▶ 1-morphisms:

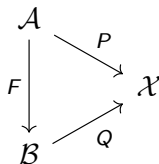
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Fixed-base Fibrations

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

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 $P: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
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2-Equivalence for Fixed-base

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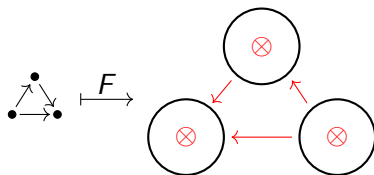
For a category \mathcal{X} , the Grothendieck construction gives a 2-equivalence:

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

Fibre-wise Monoidal Indexed Categories

Definition 1

A **fibre-wise monoidal indexed category** is a pseudofunctor $F: \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{MonCat}_s$. Let $f\mathbf{MonCat}(\mathcal{X})$ denote the 2-category of fibre-wise monoidal indexed categories



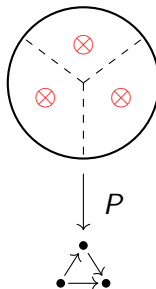
Fibre-wise Monoidal Fibrations

Definition 2

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

- ▶ fibration $P: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
- ▶ the fibres \mathcal{A}_x are monoidal
- ▶ the reindexing functors are monoidal

Let $f\text{MonFib}(\mathcal{X})$ 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:

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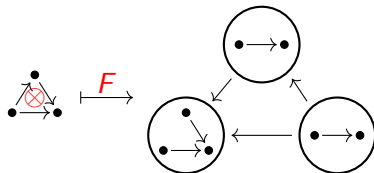
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Definition 3

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

- ▶ an indexed category $F: \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$
- ▶ \mathcal{X} is monoidal
- ▶ F is lax monoidal $(F, \phi): (\mathcal{X}^{\text{op}}, \otimes) \rightarrow (\text{Cat}, \times)$

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



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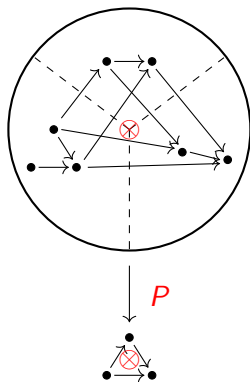
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A **(global) monoidal fibration**

is a fibration $P: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$

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

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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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Given $(F, \phi): (X, \times)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Cat}, \times)$

define $\otimes_x: Fx \times Fx \rightarrow Fx$ by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Fx \times Fx & \xrightarrow{\otimes_x} & Fx \\ & \searrow \phi_{x,x} & \nearrow F\Delta_x \\ & F(x \times x) & \end{array}$$

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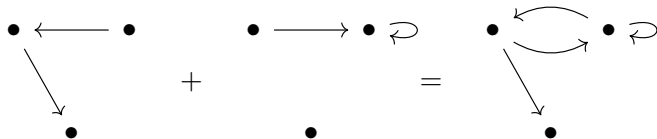
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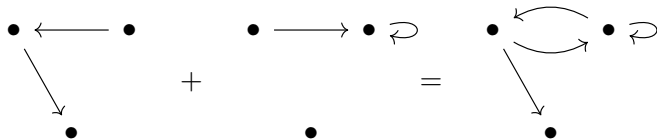
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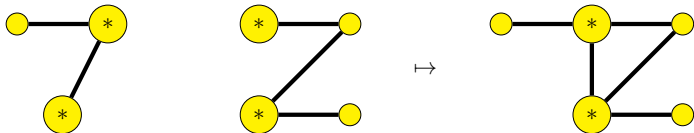


Then we can define a lax monoidal structure on $\text{Grph}(-): \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ by

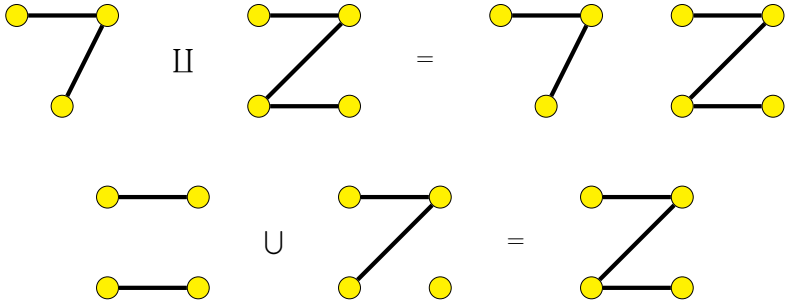
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Grph}(X) \times \text{Grph}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\quad + \quad} & \text{Grph}(X + Y) \\ & \searrow^{i_* \times j_*} & \nearrow^{+_{X+Y}} \\ & \text{Grph}(X + Y) \times \text{Grph}(X + Y) & \end{array}$$

Constructing network operads

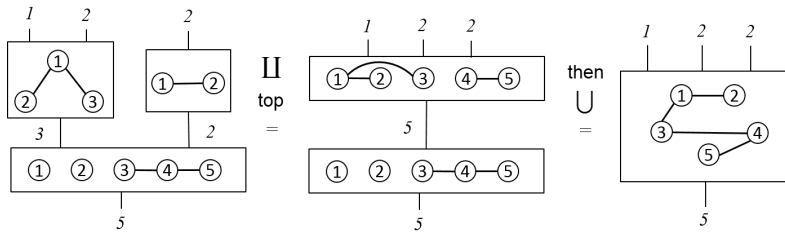
Graphs can be combined to create bigger graphs by identifying some of the vertices



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 $\sqcup: SG(n) \times SG(m) \rightarrow SG(n + m)$

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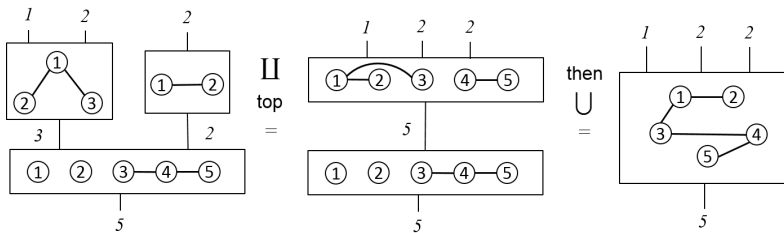
A **network model** is a symmetric lax monoidal functor

$$(F, \phi): (\text{FinBij}, +) \rightarrow (\text{Mon}, \times) \hookrightarrow (\text{Cat}, \times)$$

Examples:

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

$$\text{NetMod} \xrightarrow{f} \text{SymMonCat} \xrightarrow{op} \text{Operad}$$



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

products in \mathbf{ICat} :

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The proof

We wrote the definitions so that

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

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

Braided and Symmetric

Theorem (Vasilakopoulou, M)

The Grothendieck construction lifts to equivalences:

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