

# Double Grothendieck

Double Fibrations and Double Colimits

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# Double Categories



## Pseudo category objects

Definition For a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ , a pseudo category  $\mathbb{C}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  consists of a diagram:

$$C_1 \times_{C_0} C_1 \xrightarrow{\otimes} C_1 \xleftarrow[\cong]{\gamma} C_0 \xrightarrow{s} C_1$$

and iso 2-cells:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_1 \times_{C_0} C_1 \times_{C_0} C_1 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \otimes} & C_1 \times_{C_0} C_1 \\ \otimes \times 1 \downarrow & \cong \alpha & \downarrow \otimes \\ C_1 \times_{C_0} C_1 & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & C_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} C_1 & \xrightarrow{(y, 1)} & C_1 \times_{C_0} C_1 \xleftarrow{(1, y)} C_1 \\ \downarrow l & \cong & \downarrow r \\ C_1 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & C_1 \end{array}$$

normalized:  $l$  and  $r$  id's.



## Double Categories

Definition A double category is a pseudo category object in Cat:

$$\underline{C}_1 \underset{\subseteq_0}{\times} \underline{C}_1 \xrightarrow{\otimes} \underline{C}_1 \xrightarrow[s]{t} \subseteq_0$$

$\otimes$  ps. assoc. and ps. unitary

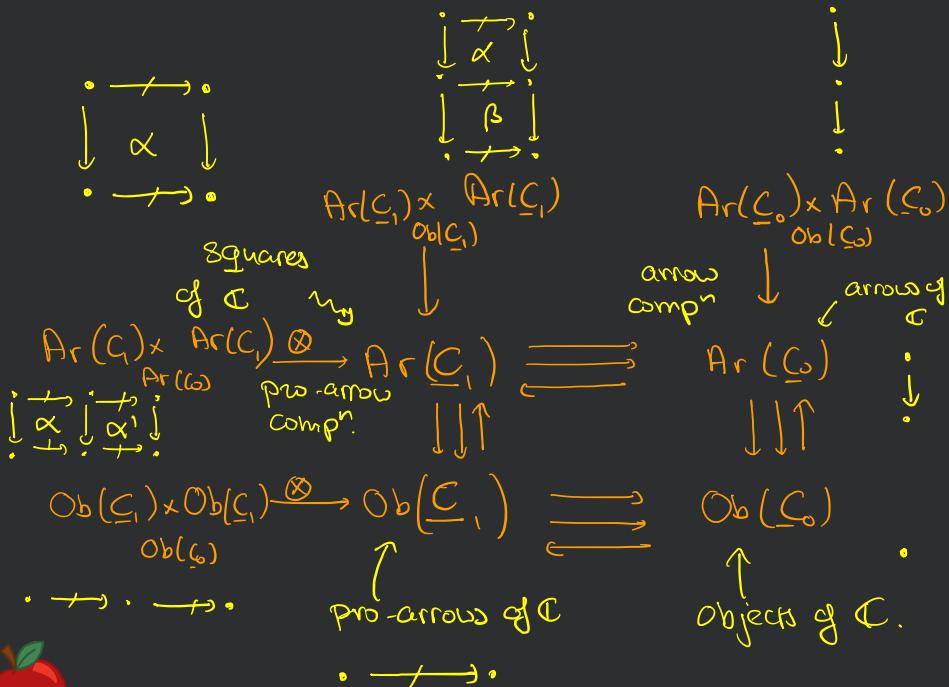
$\subseteq_0, \subseteq_1$  categories.

Let's spell that out:



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Ar}(C_1) \times_{\text{Ob}(C_1)} \text{Ar}(C_1) & & \text{Ar}(\underline{C}_0) \times_{\text{Ob}(\underline{C}_0)} \text{Ar}(\underline{C}_0) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{Ar}(C_1) \times_{\text{Ar}(\omega)} \text{Ar}(C_1) & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & \text{Ar}(\underline{C}_1) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Ar}(\underline{C}_0) \\
 \downarrow \downarrow \uparrow & & \xleftarrow{\quad} & & \downarrow \downarrow \uparrow \\
 \text{Ob}(\underline{C}_1) \times_{\text{Ob}(\underline{C}_1)} \text{Ob}(\underline{C}_1) & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & \text{Ob}(\underline{C}_1) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Ob}(\underline{C}_0)
 \end{array}$$





Proarrow composition is only required to be unitary and associative up to isomorphism?

these are double cells:

Unitors:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\gamma_B \circ h} & B \\
 \downarrow \gamma_A & \nearrow h & \downarrow \gamma_B \\
 A & \xrightarrow{h} & B
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{h \circ \gamma_A} & B \\
 \downarrow \gamma_A & \nearrow h & \downarrow \gamma_B \\
 A & \xrightarrow{h} & B
 \end{array}$$

associators:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{g \circ f} & C & \xrightarrow{h} & D \\
 \downarrow \gamma_A & & \alpha_{hgf} & & \downarrow \gamma_D \\
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{hg} & D
 \end{array}$$



Vertically invertible and satisfying coherence.

## Examples

1. Rel: objects are sets

proarrows are relations

arrows are functions

Squares :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{R} & T \\ u \downarrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow v \\ S' & \xrightarrow{R'} & T' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} R \subseteq S \times T \\ R' \subseteq S' \times T' \end{array}$$

such that

for  $(s, t) \in R$ ,  $(u(s), v(t)) \in R'$ .



2.  $\text{Span}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$ , where  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a category with pullbacks:

obj. are objects in  $\mathcal{C}$

arrows are arrows in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

proarrows are spans

$$S \xleftarrow{s} A \xrightarrow{t} T$$

squares: commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S & \xleftarrow{s} & A & \xrightarrow{t} & T \\ u \downarrow & & \downarrow w & & \downarrow v \\ S' & \xleftarrow{s'} & A' & \xrightarrow{t'} & T' \end{array}$$

3. For  $\underline{\mathcal{C}_0} = \underline{1}$ , a double category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}_1} \times \underline{\mathcal{C}_1} \xrightarrow{\otimes} \underline{\mathcal{C}_1} \xleftarrow{\Phi} \underline{1}$   
is just a monoidal category.



4. A 2-category  $\mathcal{A}$  gives rise to double categories

- $\mathbb{V}\mathcal{A}$  with cells  $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{1} & A \\ u \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow v \\ B & \xrightarrow{1} & B \end{array}$  when  $u\left(\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ B \end{smallmatrix}\right)v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- $\text{Hilb}$  with cells  $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & B \\ \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{k} & B \end{array}$  when  $A \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} h \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ k \end{smallmatrix}} B$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- $\mathbb{Q}\mathcal{A}$  with cells  $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & B \\ u \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow v \\ C & \xrightarrow{k} & D \end{array}$  when  $A \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \circ h \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ \circ k \end{smallmatrix}} D$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .



## Pseudo Double $\overline{\text{Functors}}$

$$\text{For: } \mathcal{C} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \times \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \xrightarrow[\subseteq_0]{\otimes} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \xrightarrow[t]{s} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{D} : \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 \times \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 \xrightarrow[\subseteq_0]{\otimes} \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 \xrightarrow[t]{s} \underline{\mathcal{D}}_0$$

a pseudo functor consists of

$$F_0 : \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{D}}_0 \text{ and } F_1 : \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1$$

with comparison cells:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \times \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 & \xrightarrow[\subseteq_0]{\otimes} & \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \\ F_1 \times F_1 \downarrow & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Psi_1} & F_1 \downarrow \\ \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 \times \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 & \xrightarrow[\subseteq_0]{\otimes} & \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 & \xrightarrow[y]{\cong} & \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \\ F_0 \downarrow & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\gamma} & F_1 \downarrow \\ \underline{\mathcal{D}}_0 & \xrightarrow[y]{\cong} & \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 & \xrightarrow[t]{s} & \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 \\ F_1 \downarrow & = & \downarrow F_0 \\ \underline{\mathcal{D}}_1 & \xrightarrow[t]{s} & \underline{\mathcal{D}}_0 \end{array}$$

Stricter!



# The Grothendieck Construction



Recall a classical result from §GA 4:

- For an indexing pseudo functor  $F : \mathcal{A}^\circledast \rightarrow \underline{\text{Cat}}$  with structure isomorphisms

$$\varphi_A : 1_{FA} \xrightarrow{\sim} F(1_A)$$

$$\psi_{g,f} : Fg \circ Ff \xrightarrow{\sim} F(g \circ f)$$

the category of elements  $\int_{\mathcal{A}} F \xrightarrow{\pi_F} \mathcal{A}$  has

objects:  $(A, x)$ ,  $A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $x \in \text{Obj}(F(A))$

arrows:  $(g, \psi) : (A, x) \rightarrow (B, y)$  with  $g : A \rightarrow B$

and  $\psi : x \rightarrow F(g)(y)$  in  $F(B)$ .



identities:  $\text{id}_{(A,x)} = (\text{id}_A, (\varphi_A)_x)$

$$(\varphi_A)_x : x \rightarrow F(\text{id}_A)(x)$$

composition:

for  $(A,x) \xrightarrow{(g_1,\psi_1)} (B,y) \xrightarrow{(g_2,\psi_2)} (C,z) :$

$$(g_2,\psi_2) \circ (g_1,\psi_1) = (g_2 \circ g_1, \underset{g_1}{\psi_2} \circ F(g_1)(\psi_2) \circ \psi_1)$$

$$x \xrightarrow{\psi_1} F(g_1)(y) \xrightarrow{F(g_1)(\psi_2)} F(g_1)F(g_2)(z) \xrightarrow{F(g_1,g_2)} F(g_1g_2)(z)$$



Properties of  $\int_{\mathcal{A}} F \xrightarrow{\pi_F} \mathcal{A}$ .

- $\pi_F : \int_{\mathcal{A}} F \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is defined by :

$$(A, \alpha) \longmapsto A$$

$$(g, \psi) \longmapsto g$$

- $\pi_F$  is a fibration



# Fibrations



## Fibrations - Cartesian Arrows

Let  $p: \underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{B}$  be a functor. An arrow  $\gamma: e' \rightarrow e$  in  $\underline{E}$  is Cartesian if for all

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & e'' & \\ \psi \downarrow \dottedline & = & \searrow \gamma \\ e' & \xrightarrow{\quad \gamma \quad} & e \end{array} \quad \text{in } \underline{E}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & pe'' & \\ p(\gamma) \downarrow g & = & \searrow p\gamma \\ pe' & \xrightarrow{p\gamma} & pe \end{array} \quad \text{in } \underline{B}$$

there is a unique lifting  $\gamma$ .



## Fibrations

①  $p: E \rightarrow \underline{B}$  is a fibration if for any

$$e' \xrightarrow{\varphi} e \quad \text{in } \underline{E}$$

$$b \xrightarrow{f} pe \quad \text{in } \underline{B}$$

there is a Cartesian lifting  $\varphi$  (of  $f$  to  $e$ )

② A cleavage for  $p$  consists of a choice of a Cartesian lifting for each  $f$  and  $e$ .



$\pi_F$  is a fibration

$$F : \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Cat}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \int_{\mathcal{A}} F & (B, \underline{F}(x)) & \longrightarrow (A, x) \\ \downarrow \pi_F & (f, & \\ \mathcal{A} & B & \xrightarrow{f} A \\ & & x \in FA \\ & & \in FB \end{array}$$



$\pi_F$  is a fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \int_{\mathcal{A}} F & (B, Ff(x)) & \longrightarrow (A, x) \\ \downarrow \pi_F & (f, 1_{Ff(x)}) & \\ \mathcal{A} & B & \xrightarrow{f} A \end{array}$$

Canonical Cartesian morphisms:

$$(f, 1_{Ff(x)})$$

they form a cleavage.



Result: for a fixed base category  $\underline{\mathcal{B}}$ , the

Grothendieck construction extends to a 2-equivalence:

$$\int_{\underline{\mathcal{B}}} : [\underline{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Cat}}] \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\text{Fib}}(\underline{\mathcal{B}})$$

$[\underline{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Cat}}]$  : pseudo-functors, pseudo natural transformations,  
modifications

$\underline{\text{Fib}}(\underline{\mathcal{B}})$  : fibrations over  $\underline{\mathcal{B}}$ , cartesian functors,  
vertical natural transformations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ \xrightarrow{\Psi} \end{array} & F \\ p \searrow & & q \swarrow \\ & \mathcal{B} & \end{array} \quad q(\alpha_e) = 1_{p(e)} .$$



## Fibrations over an arbitrary Base

Fib is the 2-category:

Objects: cloven fibrations  $P: \underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{B}$  (arbitrary  $\underline{B}$ )

arrows:  $f: (P: \underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{B}) \rightarrow (P': \underline{E}' \rightarrow \underline{B}')$

is a commutative square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{E} & \xrightarrow{f^\top} & \underline{E}' \\ P \downarrow & & \downarrow P' \\ \underline{B} & \xrightarrow{f^\perp} & \underline{B}' \end{array}, \quad f^\top \text{ preserves Cartesian arrows.}$$

2-cells:  $\alpha: f \Rightarrow g$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{E} & \xrightarrow{f^\top} & \underline{E}' \\ P \downarrow & \swarrow g^\top & \downarrow P' \\ \underline{B} & \xrightarrow{f^\perp} & \underline{B}' \\ & \searrow \alpha_1 & \\ & \alpha_2 & \end{array}, \quad \text{commutative cylinder.}$$

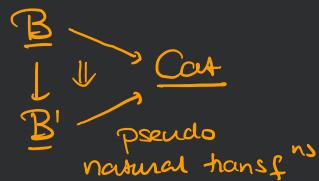


$\underline{CFib} \subseteq \underline{Fib}$  is the locally full sub-2-category

Where we require the arrows  $f^T$  to preserve the cleavages.

We obtain two equivalences of 2-categories:

- $\underline{Fib} \simeq \underline{ICat}$



- $\underline{CFib} \simeq \underline{ICat}_S$

strict ntl.  
transformations



## Examples of Fibrations

- $\underline{\text{Mod}} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Ring}}$  is a fibration (and an opfibration)

$$(R, M) \longmapsto R$$

$M$  a left  $R$ -module

$$(R_1, f^* M) \quad (R_2, M)$$

$$R_1 \xrightarrow{f} R_2$$

$f^* M$ : restriction of scalars

- Codomain fibration over a category  $\mathcal{C}$  with pullbacks:

$$\text{Arr}_s(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C}^2 \text{ has obj. } f \begin{cases} \uparrow \\ y \end{cases} \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

and arrows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x & \xrightarrow{h} & x' \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f' \\ y & \xrightarrow{k} & y' \end{array} \quad \text{comm. in } \mathcal{C}.$$

The codomain functor  $\mathcal{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a fibration and opfibration; Cartesian arrows are pullback squares.



## Examples (continued)

- for  $\mathcal{C}$  any category,  $\text{Fam}(\mathcal{C})$  is the category of set-indexed families of obj.<sup>s</sup> in  $\mathcal{C}$ :

$$(C_i)_{i \in I}$$

morphisms:

$$(C_i)_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{(f, (\phi_i)_{i \in I})} (D_j)_{j \in J}$$

$f : I \rightarrow J$  function

$$\phi_i : C_i \rightarrow D_{f(i)}$$

This is the Grothendieck construction for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\text{Set}}^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow & \underline{\text{Cat}} \\ I & \longmapsto & \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{C} \end{array}$$



The Category of Elements is also an oplax colimit  
for  $F$  as diagram in Cat:

- We have a universal cone:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\quad F_A \quad} & \int^A F \\
 g \downarrow & \uparrow F_g & \Downarrow \varepsilon_g \\
 B & \xrightarrow{\quad F_B \quad} & \int^B F
 \end{array}$$

$\varepsilon_A : x \longmapsto (A, x)$   
 $(\psi : x \rightarrow y) \longmapsto \left[ (A, x) \xrightarrow{\quad} (A, y) \right]$   
 $\quad \quad \quad (1_A, \varphi_A \circ \psi)$

$$(\varepsilon_g)_y = (g, 1_{F_g(y)}) : (A, F_g(y)) \longrightarrow (B, y)$$

