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2-classifiers for 2-algebras

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Bonus fact: functors $p : E \rightarrow B$ = strict (tightly) discrete opfibrations $p : \ell E \rightarrow \ell B$

\rightsquigarrow Bénabou construction: $\mathbf{Cat}/B \cong \mathbb{D}\mathbf{blCat}_{\text{lx}}(\ell B, \mathbf{Set})$

Thanks!

Enhanced 2-categories

Definition

An **enhanced 2-category**, or \mathcal{F} -category, is a 2-category $\mathcal{K} \equiv: \mathcal{K}_l$ whose 1-cells are called **loose** (\rightsquigarrow) and a wide and locally full subcategory $\mathcal{K}_t \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_l$ whose 1-cells are called **tight** (\rightarrow).

Definition

Enhanced 2-functors are 2-functors that preserve tightness, while **enhanced 2-natural transformations**, or **tight natural transformations**, are 2-natural transformations whose components are all tight.

Definition (Enhanced 2-monad)

An **enhanced 2-monad** is an \mathcal{F} -monad, thus a 2-monad (T, i, m) such that T preserves tightness and where i and m have tight components.

Enhanced 2-category of T -algebras and lax morphisms

Definition

The **enhanced 2-category of T -algebras and lax T -morphisms** $\mathcal{Alg}_l(T)$ for an enhanced 2-monad T on the enhanced 2-category \mathcal{K} is the enhanced 2-category so comprised:

1. its objects are strict T -algebras whose structure map is tight in \mathcal{K} ,
2. its loose maps are lax T -morphisms,

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4. its 2-morphisms are T -2-morphisms.

Definition ((Tight) discrete opfibration)

A **(tight) discrete opfibration** in a(n enhanced) 2-category \mathcal{K} is a (tight) map $p : E \rightarrow B$ that admits unique (*opcartesian*) lifts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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Representable TDOs

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A discrete opfibration is **representable** if it is equivalent to the projection out of a comma object dashed below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} b/B & \longrightarrow & X \\ \partial_1 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow b \\ B & \xlongequal{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

We say $b/B \xrightarrow{\partial_1} B$ is **represented by the object** $b : X \rightarrow B$. When $X = 1$, we say it is **globally representable**. When $b = \text{id}_B$, we get the **domain opfibration** associated to B .

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A map $f : B \rightarrow \Omega$ is a **formal copresheaf** and $\int f$ its **category of elements**, while $dp : B \rightarrow \Omega$ is the **copresheaf of fibers** of a $\text{tdos } p : E \rightarrow B$.

Generic discrete opfibration

The discrete opfibration classified by the identity or, equivalently, represented by τ , is called the **generic discrete opfibration**:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tau/\Omega & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ u \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \tau \\ \Omega & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Omega \end{array}$$

The setting of plumbuses

Definition (Plumbus)

A **plumbus** is an enhanced 2-category \mathcal{K} admitting the following enhanced 2-limits:

1. all left-tight pullbacks of tight discrete opfibrations,
2. all left-tight comas,
3. a tight terminal object.

Let (T, i, m) be an enhanced 2-monad on \mathcal{K} .

Proposition

Let $p : (E, \eta) \rightarrow (B, \beta)$ be a strict T -morphism. Then if p is a tight discrete opfibration in $\mathcal{Alg}_l(T)$, then so it is in \mathcal{K} .

Proposition

When \mathcal{K} is a plumbus, the 2-category $\mathcal{Alg}_l(T)$ is a plumbus too.

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Lemma

(Ω, ω) is a strict T -algebra, $\tau : 1 \rightarrow \Omega$ is a colax T -morphism, and (Ω, ω) is cartesian at τ .

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Definition

An enhanced 2-monad (T, i, m) is **opfibrantly cartesian** if and only if:

1. T preserves pullbacks of the generic discrete opfibration,
2. Ω is equipped with a T -algebra ω which is cartesian at τ .

The theorem

Theorem (C., Myers)

Let T be an opfibrantly cartesian 2-monad on a plumbus \mathcal{K} such that $\tau : 1 \rightarrow (\Omega, \omega)$ is a strict T -morphism. Then its enhanced 2-category of T -algebras and lax morphisms admits τ as enhanced 2-classifier.

Corollary

Let $p : E \rightarrow B$ be a tight discrete opfibration in $\mathcal{Alg}_l(T)$. Its classifying map $\mathrm{dp} : B \rightarrow \Omega$ is strong if and only if p is T -cartesian. In particular, the representable copresheaf $B(b, -) : B \rightarrow \Omega$ associated to a representable discrete opfibration $b/B \xrightarrow{\partial_1} B$ is always a lax T -morphism, and it is strong precisely when B is T -cartesian at b .

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