

Diagrammatic sets as a model of homotopy types

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Deconstructing the title

**Diagrammatic sets
as a model
of homotopy types**

*the presheaves over the shapes of this morning
have a model structure which is Quillen equivalent
to "the one" on topological spaces*

Structure of the talk

1. Brief reminder of model structures.
2. Model structures on categories of presheaves according to Cisinski.
3. Diagrammatic sets.
4. Application: Model structure on diagrammatic sets.

Model structures

Localisation

Let \mathcal{C} be a category. Let W be a class of maps in \mathcal{C} such that it would be nice if they were isomorphisms.

Definition 1.1: The *localisation* of \mathcal{C} at W is the best category $\mathcal{C}[W^{-1}]$ pretending that all maps in W are isomorphisms.

Construction: formally add all the inverses on the underlying graph; take the free category; quotient by the appropriate compositions.

Problem: it always exists but is very hard to compute in practice.

Model structures

Let \mathcal{C} be a (co)complete category. A *model structure* is the data of three classes of maps:

1. The weak equivalences² W : *the maps we want to invert*;
2. The cofibrations C : *the accompanying "nice injections"*;
3. The fibrations F : *the accompanying "nice surjections"*;

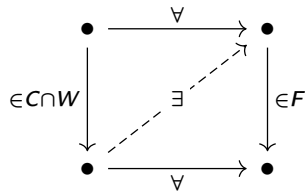
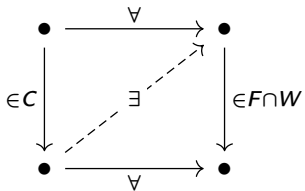
Such that:

$$(C, F \cap W) \quad \text{and} \quad (C \cap W, F)$$

are *weak factorisation systems*.

²contain iso, and have 2-out-of-3

The squares to keep in mind



Localisation and Quillen adjunctions

Let (\mathcal{C}, W, C, F) , $(\mathcal{D}, W', C', F')$ be a model categories.

- We can form the localisation $\mathcal{C}[W^{-1}]$ and $\mathcal{D}[W'^{-1}]$.
- Let $L: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor. *When does it induce a functor*

$$\mathbb{L}: \mathcal{C}[W^{-1}] \rightarrow \mathcal{D}[W'^{-1}]?$$

Suffices: L left adjoint, and preserves cofibrations and acyclic cofibrations.

- We call it a *left Quillen functor*.
- If \mathbb{L} is an equivalence: *Quillen equivalence*.

Examples

	weak equivalences	cofibrations	acyclic cofibrations
Top	homotopy equivalences	(retract of) relative cell complexes	(generated by) $D^n \hookrightarrow [0, 1] \times D^n$
sSet	combinatorial homotopy equivalences ³	(retract of) combinatorial relative cell complexes ⁴	(generated by) $\Lambda_n^k \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$

The geometric realisation

$$|-|: \mathbf{sSet} \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$$

is a left Quillen equivalence.

Title of this talk 57 years ago:

Simplicial sets as a model of homotopy types.

³only true between fibrant object

⁴i.e. monomorphisms

Aparté: ∞ -groupoids

Definition 1.2: A simplicial set X is an ∞ -groupoid if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_n^k & \xrightarrow{\forall} & X \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow \exists & \\ \Delta^n & & \end{array}$$

that is, $X \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ is a fibration in the model structure!

Theorem 1.1: *Up to homotopy, ∞ -groupoids and topological spaces are the same.*

Cisinski's model structures

Cisinski's model structure

Let \mathcal{C} be a (small) category.

- *Question:* How to put a model structure on $\widehat{\mathcal{C}} := [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Set}]$?
- *Answer:* Just give a *homotopical structure!*

It consists of two things:

1. An *exact cylinder to define notion of homotopy*,
2. A class of *anodyne extensions to extend homotopies*.

Cylinder

A *cylinder* is an endofunctor

$$I: \hat{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{C}}$$

with three natural transformations:

- $\iota^\alpha: \text{id}_{\hat{\mathcal{C}}} \rightarrow I$, $\alpha \in \{-, +\}$ *the two sections*
- $\sigma: I \rightarrow \text{id}_{\hat{\mathcal{C}}}$ *the projection*

Such that for all $\alpha \in \{-, +\}$, $X \in \hat{\mathcal{C}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{\iota_X^\alpha} & IX & \xrightarrow{\sigma_X} & X \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & \text{id}_X & & \end{array}$$

Exact cylinder

A cylinder $(l, \iota^\alpha, \sigma)$ is *exact* if furthermore:

- l preserves small colimits and monomorphisms;
- some square is a pullback.

Example 2.1: The endofunctor $[0, 1] \times - : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$ together with, for all $X \in \mathbf{Top}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_X^- : X &\hookrightarrow [0, 1] \times X \\ x &\mapsto (0, x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_X^+ : X &\hookrightarrow [0, 1] \times X \\ x &\mapsto (1, x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_X : [0, 1] \times X &\twoheadrightarrow X \\ (i, x) &\mapsto x \end{aligned}$$

is an exact cylinder^a.

^aif we pretend that \mathbf{Top} is a category of presheaves

Homotopy

Let $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ be two natural transformations in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$, a *homotopy* from f to g is a map $\phi: IX \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{\iota_X^-} & IX & \xleftarrow{\iota_X^+} & X \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \phi & \swarrow g & \\ & & Y & & \end{array}$$

Anodyne extensions

A class of maps **An** is called class of *anodyne extensions* if

AN0 It is generated by a set;

AN1 For all monomorphisms $m: K \hookrightarrow L$ in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$, for all $\alpha \in \{-, +\}$, the dashed map

The diagram shows a commutative square with an additional map. The top row is $K \xrightarrow{\iota_K^\alpha} IK$. The bottom row is $L \xrightarrow{\quad} L \cup IK$. A vertical arrow m points from K to L . A vertical arrow points from IK to $L \cup IK$. A curved arrow labeled Im points from IK to IL . A curved arrow labeled ι_L^α points from L to IL . A dashed arrow points from $L \cup IK$ to IL . A small square symbol is located between the vertical arrows.

is in **An**. This is the *cylinder filling property*;

Anodyne extensions

AN2 For all $j: K \hookrightarrow L \in \mathbf{An}$, the dashed map

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K + K & \xrightarrow{(\iota_K^-, \iota_K^+)} & IK \\
 \downarrow j+j & & \downarrow \\
 L + L & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (L + L) \cup IK \\
 & \searrow (\iota_L^-, \iota_L^+) & \downarrow \\
 & & IL
 \end{array}$$

$\swarrow j$
 \searrow

is in \mathbf{An} . This is the *equivalence of the cylinder fillings*.

With that... [Cis06]

There is a model structure on $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ where

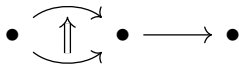
- cofibrations = monomorphisms,
- anodyne extensions \subseteq acyclic cofibrations,
- an object is fibrant iff it has the r.l.p. against anodyne extensions,
- weak equivalences between fibrant objects are exactly the homotopy equivalences.

Interlude

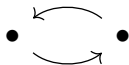
Which is which?



atom



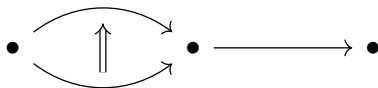
regular directed complex



molecule

Boundaries

Let U be the molecule:



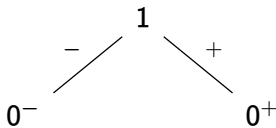
What is:

- $\partial_1^- U$?
- $\partial_0^+ U$?

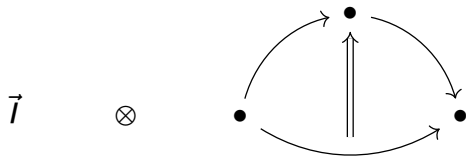
Is it round?

Gray product

Let \vec{I} be $\bullet \rightarrow \bullet$, i.e. the ogpos



Draw



Diagrammatic sets

Maps of regular directed complexes

Let P, Q be **RDCpx**. A *map* $f: P \rightarrow Q$ is

- an order-preserving map f of the underlying posets,
- for all $n \geq 0$, $\alpha \in \{-, +\}$, $x \in P$

$$f(\partial_n^\alpha x) = \partial_n^\alpha f(x),$$

- some finality conditions.

Observe: *injections are nice, surjections are not.*

Idea: impose a further condition.

- *which is also a Grothendieck fibration of the underlying posets.*

(aka *f is cartesian*)

More on cartesian maps

- Injections were already cartesian.
- Less surjections.
- \otimes, \star are still monoidal!

Eilenberg–Zilber category

Theorem 4.1: *The category \odot with cartesian map is an **Eilenberg–Zilber** category.*

In particular:

1. epi-mono factorisation,
2. no non-identity automorphism,
3. *each surjection has a section, and is entirely determined by them!*

Diagrammatic set

Definition 4.1: A *diagrammatic set* is a presheaf on \odot .

Proposition 4.1: The Yoneda embedding $\odot \hookrightarrow \odot\mathbf{Set}$ factors through:

$$\odot \hookrightarrow \text{molecules} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{RDCpx} \hookrightarrow \odot\mathbf{Set}$$

Building a cylinder

Day convolution

"Recall": let $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$ monoidal, we can make $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ into a monoidal category $(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$ such that:

- Yoneda $\mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ is strong monoidal,
- $- \otimes -$ is biclosed.

If $X, Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{C}}$, then

$$X \otimes Y = \int^{c, d \in \mathcal{C}} X(c) \times Y(d) \times \mathcal{C}(-, c \otimes d).$$

Since $(\odot, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$ is monoidal, we can take Gray product of presheaves!

Cylinder object

So we define:

$$\vec{I} \otimes - : \odot \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \odot \mathbf{Set}$$

And factoring $\text{id}: \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$, $\alpha \in \{-, +\}$ as

$$\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\iota^\alpha} \vec{I} \xrightarrow{!} \mathbf{1}$$

we have, for all $X \in \odot \mathbf{Set}$,

$$X \xrightarrow{\iota_X^\alpha} \vec{I} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\sigma_X} X$$

$\vec{I} \otimes -$ is a cylinder

Exact cylinder object

Lemma 5.1: *The cylinder $\vec{I} \otimes -$ is exact.*

An immediate consequence

A corollary of [Cis06, Corollaire 8.2.16]:

Corollary 5.1: *Let \mathcal{C} be an Eilenberg–Zilber category with a terminal object. Let $(\mathbb{I}, \iota^\alpha, \sigma)$ be an exact cylinder. Suppose that for all $c \in \mathcal{C}$, the map*

$$\sigma_c: \mathbb{I}c \twoheadrightarrow c$$

is representable.

Then $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ models homotopy types.

As a corollary of the corollary of [Cis06, Corollaire 8.2.16]:

Theorem 5.1: *Diagrammatic sets model homotopy types.* There is a model structure on $\odot\mathbf{Set}$ whose homotopy category are the homotopy types. The Quillen equivalence with \mathbf{sSet} is given by the following left Kan extension, called the *diagrammatic subdivision*:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \odot & \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} & \mathbf{Pos} & \xrightarrow{\text{nerve}} & \mathbf{sSet} \\ \downarrow & & & \nearrow \text{---} & \\ \odot\mathbf{Set} & & & & \end{array}$$

What is this model structure?

Horns

Let U be an atom, let $V \sqsubseteq \partial^\alpha U$ be a rewritable submolecule of the input or output boundary. The *horn* defined by U, V is

$$\Lambda_U^V := \partial U \setminus (V \setminus \partial V).$$

Let

$$J := \{\lambda_U^V : \Lambda_U^V \hookrightarrow U\}.$$

Horns generate anodyne extensions

Proposition 6.1: *The set J of horns generates a class of anodyne extensions.*

Proof.

AN0 by definition.

AN1 by picture.

AN2 by picture.



Another model structure

So *there is another model structure on $\odot\mathbf{Set}$...*

- which is seen to be monoidal for $- \otimes -$;
- whose acyclic cofibrations are exactly the anodyne extensions!

Theorem 6.1: *The two model structures are the same.*

Aparté: back to ∞ -groupoids

Definition 6.1: A diagrammatic set X is an ∞ -groupoid if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_U^V & \xrightarrow{\forall} & X \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow^{\exists} & \\ U & & \end{array}$$

that is, $X \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ is a fibration in the model structure!

Theorem 6.2: *Up to homotopy, ∞ -groupoids and topological spaces are the same.*

Bonus: another Quillen equivalence

The following left Kan extension

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta & \hookrightarrow & \odot & \hookrightarrow & \odot \mathbf{Set} \\ \downarrow & & & \nearrow & \\ \mathbf{sSet} & & & & \end{array}$$

is a left Quillen equivalence! Proof:

$$\mathbf{sSet} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{simplicial subdivision}} \\ \dashrightarrow \\ \xrightarrow{\text{diagrammatic subdivision}} \end{array} \odot \mathbf{Set} \xrightarrow{\text{diagrammatic subdivision}} \mathbf{sSet}$$

useful to prove that the cartesian product of diagrammatic sets is homotopical

Conclusion

- \odot is a well behaved category of shapes, with a representable cylinder;
- The model structure that comes automatically from this models homotopy types;
- With a further study, we find
 - ▶ acyclic cofibrations are generated by the horns;
 - ▶ the Gray product is monoidal;
 - ▶ there are two Quillen equivalences with simplicial sets

$$\mathbf{sSet} \rightleftarrows \odot\mathbf{Set} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{sSet}$$

factorising the Quillen equivalence $\mathbf{Sd} \dashv \mathbf{Ex}$

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Thanks!