

(Co)cartesian families in simplicial type theory

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Feel free to interrupt!

Why simplicial type theory?

Open problem: Can we define & develop the theory of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories in (book) HoTT?
Can we define the type of semi-simplicial types?

- If we can, it'll likely be a rather complicated construction, and it will be useful to have a DSL (domain specific language) in order to reason practically with $(\infty, 1)$ -categories.
- If we can't, it'll still be nice to have a synthetic type theory (DSL) to use until we settle on the proper extension of HoTT. (Maybe *Two-level type theory*?)

A DSL: Simplicial type theory (Riehl–Shulman: *A type theory for synthetic ∞ -categories*)

Related work: Harper–Licata, Warren, Nuyts, Licata–Weaver, Cavallo–Riehl–Sattler, Riehl–Verity, Cisinski, North, ...

∞-cosmos

Why (co)cartesian families?

RS defined covariant and contravariant families, representing copresheaves and presheaves over a base category B , i.e., co-/contravariant functors $P : B \rightarrow \text{Space}$.

Here, we study (co)cartesian families, representing co-/contravariant functors $P : B \rightarrow \text{Cat}$.

These can model the higher-categorical versions of $\text{Mod} : \text{Ring} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ and $\text{Vect} : \text{Mfld} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$, for example.

Another use: *symmetric monoidal* $(\infty, 1)$ -categories are cocartesian families over the category of finite pointed sets, Fin_* .

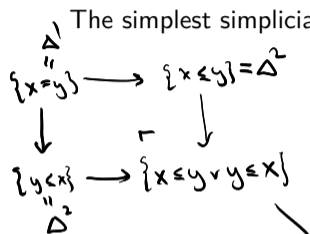
They are also a crucial stepping stone toward *defining* the universe Cat itself.

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Simplicial Type Theory

The simplest simplicial type theory: Postulate:

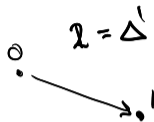


$\mathbb{2} : \text{Set}$

$\leq : \mathbb{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{2} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$

$0, 1 : \mathbb{2}$

$p : "(2, \leq, 0, 1) \text{ is a strict interval}"$



A *strict interval* is a totally ordered set with distinct top and bottom elements.

Indeed, the $\mathbb{1}$ -topos of simplicial sets is the classifying $\mathbb{1}$ -topos for the theory of strict intervals.

In particular, the square $\mathbb{2} \times \mathbb{2}$ is obtained by gluing together two 2-simplices $\Delta^2 := \{(x, y) : \mathbb{2} \times \mathbb{2} \mid y \leq x\}$.

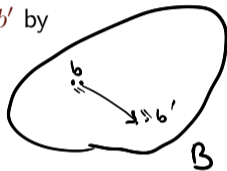
As a consequence, we can define connection maps $\wedge, \vee : \mathbb{2} \times \mathbb{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{2}$.

More shapes; hom-types

We can (uniformly) define the simplices $\Delta^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : 2^n \mid 0 \leq x_n \leq \dots \leq x_1 \leq 1\}$, the horns Λ_k^n and the boundaries $\partial\Delta^n$, along with the embeddings $\Lambda_k^n \hookrightarrow \partial\Delta^n \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$.

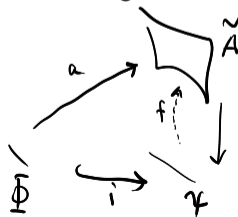
Given a type B with elements $b, b' : B$, we define the type of arrows from b to b' by

$$(b \rightarrow_B b') := \text{hom}_B(b, b') := \sum_{u:2 \rightarrow B} (u0 = b) \times (u1 = b').$$



More generally, we can introduce the *extension type* as an abbreviation for extensions, given $i : \Phi \hookrightarrow \Psi$, $A : \Psi \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, $a : \prod_{x:\Phi} A(ix)$:

$$\langle \prod_{x:\Psi} A(x) \Big|_a \rangle := \sum_{f:\prod_{x:\Psi} A(x)} (a = f \circ i)$$



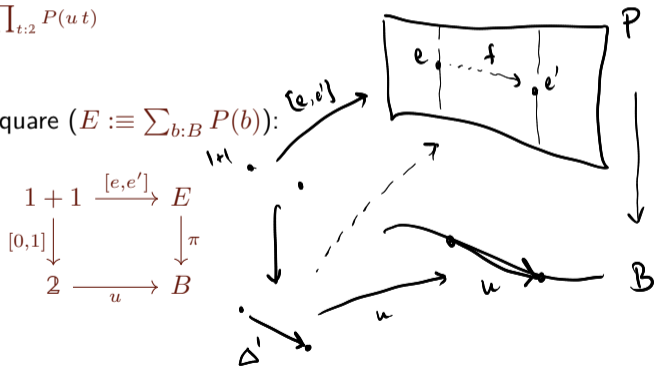
(This is a primitive type former in RS, using the shape+tope machinery.)

Dependent arrows

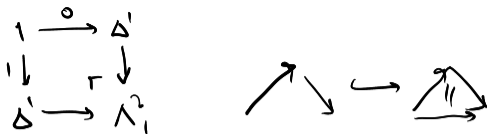
Given a type family $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and an arrow $u : \text{hom}_B(b, b')$ in the base, and elements $e : P(b)$ and $e' : P(b')$, the type of arrows from e to e' over f is defined by:

$$(e \rightarrow_f^P e') := \sum_{f: \prod_{t:2} P(ut)} (f0 =_{u_0}^P e) \times (f1 =_{u_1}^P e')$$

This is simply the type of lifts in the square $(E := \sum_{b:B} P(b))$:



Segal types



The *Segal* types are the local types wrt the horn inclusion $\Lambda_1^2 \hookrightarrow \Delta^2$. That is, B is Segal if the restriction map

$$(\Delta^2 \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Lambda_1^2 \rightarrow B)$$

is an equivalence. The Segal types form a reflective subuniverse.

The Segal types in simplicial spaces model pre- $(\infty, 1)$ -categories, or equivalently, flagged $(\infty, 1)$ -categories.

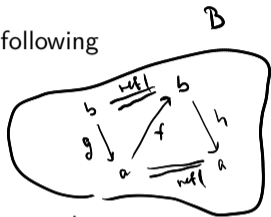
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Associativity follows. *Question:* In this setting, can we derive the uniform Segal condition, i.e., locality wrt to the spine inclusions $\text{Sp}^n \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$, for all $n : \mathbb{N}$?

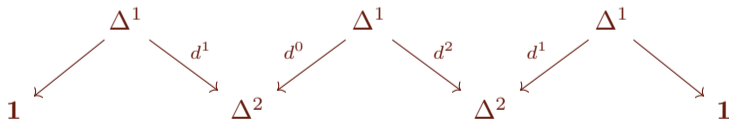
Isomorphisms

An arrow $f : a \rightarrow b$ in a Segal type B is a (categorical) *isomorphism* if the following proposition(!) holds:

$$\text{isIso}(f) := \sum_{g:b \rightarrow a} \sum_{h:a \rightarrow b} (hf = \text{id}_a) \times (fg = \text{id}_b).$$



The type of isomorphisms $a \simeq_B b := \sum_{f:a \rightarrow_B b} \text{isIso}(f)$ is equivalent to the mapping type $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow B$, where \mathbb{E} is the colimit of the diagram:



Rezk types

Fix a Segal type B . Then B is a Rezk type iff it is \mathbb{E} -null, i.e., the map $B \rightarrow (\mathbb{E} \rightarrow B)$ is an equivalence.

Equivalently, B is $(k : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbb{E})$ -local, for either $k = 0, 1$.

Rezk types are our internal $(\infty, 1)$ -categories. (Univalent pre- $(\infty, 1)$ -categories, flagged $(\infty, 1)$ -categories where the flag contracts away.)

A type is *discrete* if it is Δ^1 -null. Discrete types are Rezk, and model ∞ -groupoids.

The Yoneda Lemma

A family/map $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ is *covariant* (*contravariant*) if it is right orthogonal to $0 : \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow \Delta^1$ ($1 : \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow \Delta^1$).


Yoneda Lemma (RS)

If B is Segal, $b : B$, and $P : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is covariant, then evaluation gives an equivalence:

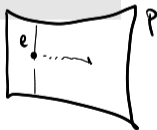
$$\left(\text{hom}(b, -) \rightarrow P \right) = \left(\prod_{x:B} (b \rightarrow_B x) \rightarrow P(x) \right) \rightarrow P(b).$$

Dependent version: If B Segal, $b : B$, $P : b/B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ covariant, then evaluation gives equivalence:

$$\left(\prod_{x:B} \prod_{f:b \rightarrow_B x} P(x, f) \right) \rightarrow P(b, \text{id}_b)$$



 dir. path induction



Directed encode-decode

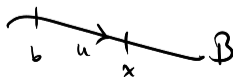
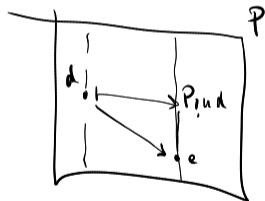
Remark We have the following analog of the fundamental theorem of identity types:

Observation

Let B be a Segal type, $b : B$, and let $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be a covariant family with $d : P(b)$. The fiberwise map $\prod_{x:B} ((b \rightarrow_B x) \rightarrow P(x))$ given by covariance, is a fiberwise equivalence if and only if $\langle b, d \rangle$ is initial in $\sum_{x:B} P(x)$. $\dashv \varphi$

\Rightarrow $\langle b, id_b \rangle$ is initial in $\sum_{x:B} (b \rightarrow_B x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftarrow \text{fib } \varphi_x e &= \sum_{(u: b \rightarrow_B x)} (P_! u d = e) \\ &\simeq \sum_{(u: b \rightarrow_B x)} d \xrightarrow{P} u e \simeq \langle b, d \rangle \xrightarrow{\sum_P P} \langle x, e \rangle \\ &\simeq \mathbb{1}. \end{aligned}$$



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Inner and Isoinner Families

We say that a map $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ is *inner* if it is right orthogonal to the horn inclusion $\Lambda_1^2 \hookrightarrow \Delta^2$.

Note that if B is Segal, then E is Segal iff π is inner.

We say that π is *isoinner* if it is in addition \mathbb{E} -null.

If B is Rezk, then E is Rezk iff π is isoinner.

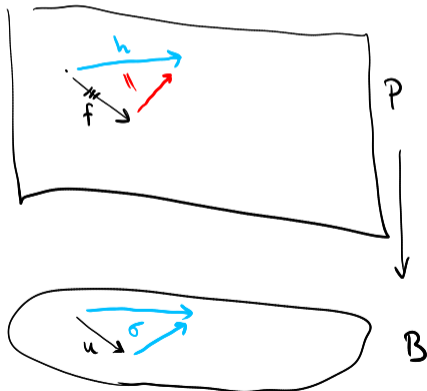
(Co)-Cartesian Arrows

Let B be a type and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be an inner family. Let $b, b' : B$, $u : b \rightarrow_B b'$, and $e : Pb$, $e' : Pb'$. An arrow $f : e \rightarrow_u^P e'$ is a P -cocartesian arrow if and only if the following proposition holds:

$$\text{isCocartArr}_P f := \prod_{\sigma : \langle \Delta^2 \rightarrow B \mid_u^{\Delta^1} \rangle} \prod_{h : \prod_{t:\Delta^1} P\sigma(t,t)} \text{isContr} \left(\left\langle \prod_{(t,s) : \Delta^2} P\sigma(t,s) \Big|_{[f,h]}^{\Lambda_0^2} \right\rangle \right).$$

We say that f is a P -cocartesian lift of u starting at e .

Lemma If B is Rezk and P is isoinner, then P -cocartesian lifts are unique. (The type of them is a proposition.)



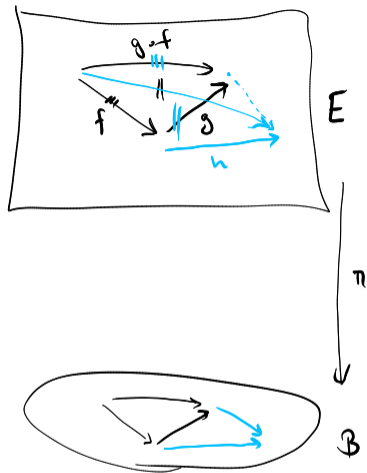
A cancellation property

Let $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ be a map of Rezk types.

If f, g are composable arrows in E , and f is cocartesian, then g is cocartesian iff $g \circ f$ is.

\Rightarrow easy!

\Leftarrow



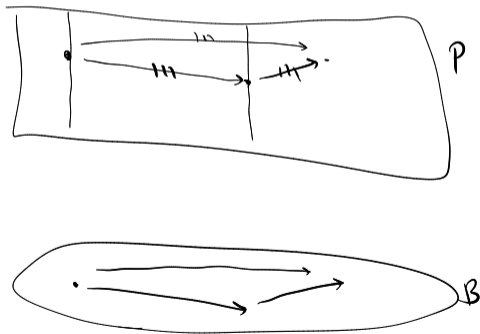
(Co)-Cartesian Families

Let B be Rezk. We say that the isoinner family $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is *cocartesian* if all cocartesian lifts exists. (This is a proposition.)

Taking the right endpoint of the lifts gives functoriality maps

$$P_! : (b \rightarrow_B b') \rightarrow P(b) \rightarrow P(b')$$

compatible with composition.

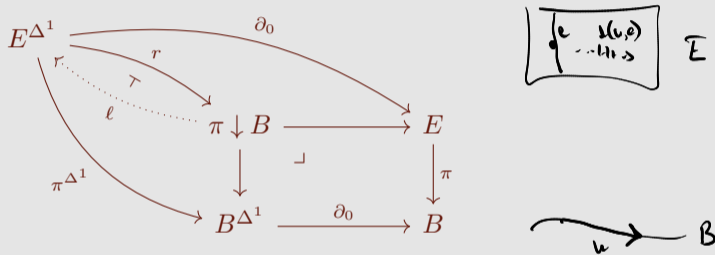


The Chevalley criterion

left adjoint right inverse

Theorem

A map $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ of Rezk types is cocartesian iff we have a LARI adjunction in:



Similarly, we give a fibred adjunction criterion.

Corollary (Co)cartesian maps are closed under dependent product (hence exponentiation), composition and pullback. The domain map $\partial_0 : B^{\Delta^1} \rightarrow B$ is cartesian and is cocartesian if B has pushouts; dually, the codomain map $\partial_1 : B^{\Delta^1} \rightarrow B$ is cocartesian and is cartesian if B has pullbacks.

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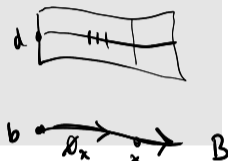
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A 2-Yoneda Lemma

Yoneda Lemma (Dependent version)

Let B be a Rezk type with initial object b , and let $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be cocartesian. Then evaluation at b induces an equivalence

$$\text{ev}_b : \left(\prod_{x:B}^{\text{cocart}} P(x) \right) \rightarrow P(b)$$



Here we take the subtype of *cocartesian sections*, i.e., those mapping arrows to cocartesian arrows.

Corollary

Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ any element, and $Q : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ cocartesian. Then evaluation at id_b gives an equivalence:

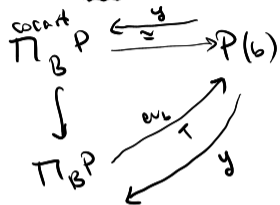
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} b/B \xrightarrow{\text{cocart}} \tilde{Q} \\ \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ B \end{array} \right\} = (b/B \rightarrow_B^{\text{cocart}} Q) \simeq \left(\prod_{u:b/B}^{\text{cocart}} Q(u.1) \right) \rightarrow Q(b)$$

$$b/B \xrightarrow{\text{id}_1} B \rightarrow Q$$

"hom(b, -) corr. fam"

A 2-Yoneda Lemma, Proof

Define LARI $y : P(b) \rightarrow \prod_{x:B}^{\text{cocart}} P(x)$ as follows:



$$y d x := P_! \theta_x d$$

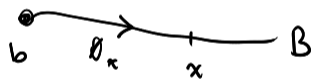
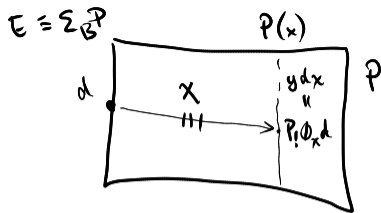
$$d : P(b)$$

$$\text{cst}_d : B \rightarrow E$$

$$\chi : \text{cst}_d \Rightarrow y d$$

Let $u : x \rightarrow_B x'$ be given.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d & \overset{\chi}{\dashrightarrow} & y d x \\ \parallel & & \Downarrow \text{y d}(u) \\ d & \dashrightarrow & y d x' \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

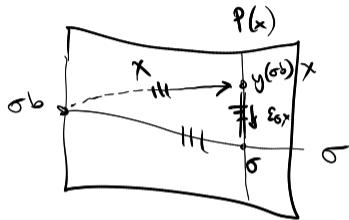


A 2-Yoneda Lemma, Proof continued

Recap: have $ev_b : T \equiv \prod_B^{coart} P \longrightarrow P(b) = y$

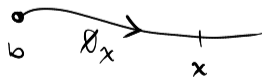
$$ev_b \circ y = id_{P(b)}$$

$$(y \circ ev_b = id_T) \cong \prod_{\sigma: T} \prod_{x: B} (y(\sigma b) \simeq \sigma x) \quad \varepsilon_{\sigma, x}$$



$\varepsilon_{\sigma, x}$ is the filler from χ to $\sigma(\sigma x)$ \square

this is a vertical coart. arrow $\therefore iso$
 $\therefore id.$



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Outlook



- Bring in cohesion: Free co-/contravariant families, flat (Conduché) maps, descent?

- Bring in cubical exolayer: Universes **Space** and **Cat**, univalent?

- Bring in more modalities, **op** and **tw**. The naïve Yoneda lemmas.

$$P : B^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Space}$$

$$\text{hom} : B^{\text{op}} \rightarrow B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$$

- ...

- What structure/axioms would be sufficient to get a foundational system, not just a DSL?

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