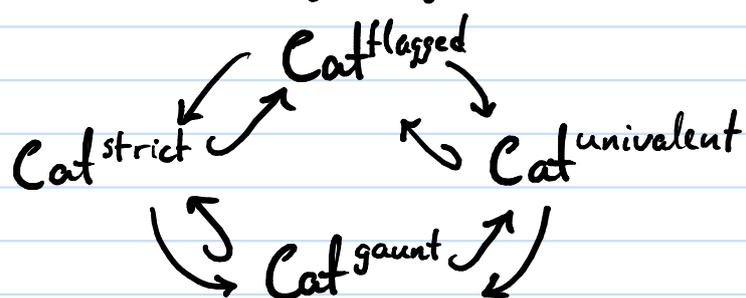


# Univalent Categories

There's a commuting diagram



$\{\text{Categories w/ sets (or any class) of objects}\} = \text{Cat}^{\text{strict}}$

We'll want a functor  $\text{Set} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \text{Cat}$  sending  $X \mapsto C_0 = X$   
&  $C_1 = \coprod_{x \in X} \{\text{id}_x\}$

$C \in \text{Cat}^{\text{strict}}$  includes data of  $\text{Ob}(C) \in \text{Set}$  and an ESO functor

$$\text{cl}(C): \text{Disc}(\text{Ob}(C)) \rightarrow C$$

$C, D \in \text{Cat}^{\text{strict}}$ , then a morphism is a functor  $F: C \rightarrow D$

w/ function  $\text{ob}(F): \text{Ob}(C) \rightarrow \text{Ob}(D)$  and 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Disc}(\text{Ob}(C)) & \longrightarrow & C \\ \text{Disc}(\text{ob}(F)) \downarrow & \text{cl}(F) \cong & \downarrow F \\ \text{Disc}(\text{Ob}(D)) & \longrightarrow & D \end{array}$$

Strict functors  $(F, \text{ob}(F), \text{cl}(F))$  &  $(G, \text{ob}(G), \text{cl}(G))$  are equal if

$\text{ob}(F) = \text{ob}(G)$  and  $\exists$  nat'l iso  $F \cong G$  s.t.

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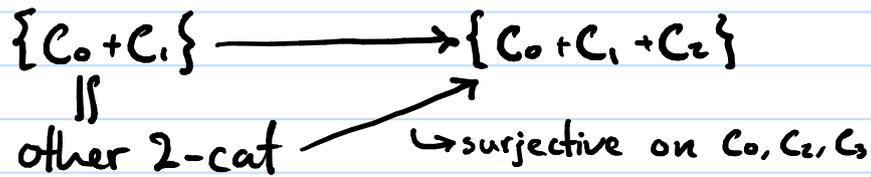
The 1-category  $\text{Cat}^{\text{strict}}$  is itself a strict category. A nat'l transformation  $\eta: (F, \text{ob}(F), \text{cl}(F)) \rightarrow (G, \text{ob}(G), \text{cl}(G))$  is just  $\eta: F = G$

Categories (in the usual sense) & functors forms a 1-cat.

—||— + nat'l transformations is a (2,2)-cat.

$\exists$  functor (of 2-cats)  $\{\text{cat} + \text{functors}\} \rightarrow \{\text{cat} + \text{functors} + \text{nat'l transf}\}$   
 but it is certainly not ESO on 2-cells.

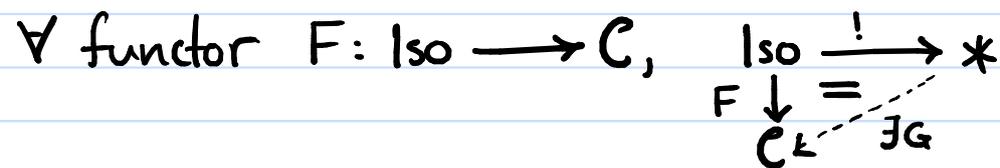
Can we factor this thru an equiv of 2-cat's ?



Something about this new functor is a "fibrant replacement" of the old functor.

This other 2-cat is  $\text{Cat}_{\text{strict}}$

- Univalence: " $X \cong Y \iff X = Y$ ". A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is univalent if

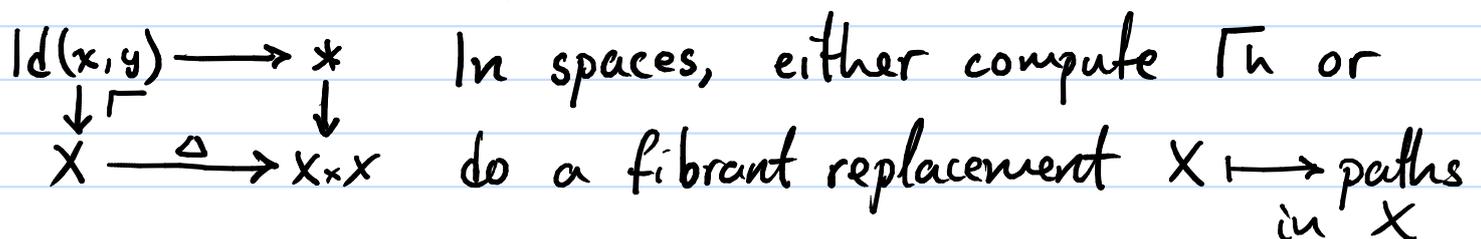


Note that this is not invariant under equivalences  $\mathcal{C} \cong \mathcal{D}$ .

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a strict category, then the above diagram implies that if  $A \cong B \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $A = B \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\cong$  is  $=$ .

↳ something about  $\cong$  in  $\text{Cat}_{\text{strict}} \stackrel{?}{\leftrightarrow} \cong$  in  $\text{Cat}_{\text{usual}}$

-  $X$  a set, and  $x, y \in X$ .  $\text{Id}(x, y) = \emptyset$  or  $\{=\}$ . Abstractly, we use the diagonal map  $X \rightarrow X \times X$ ;

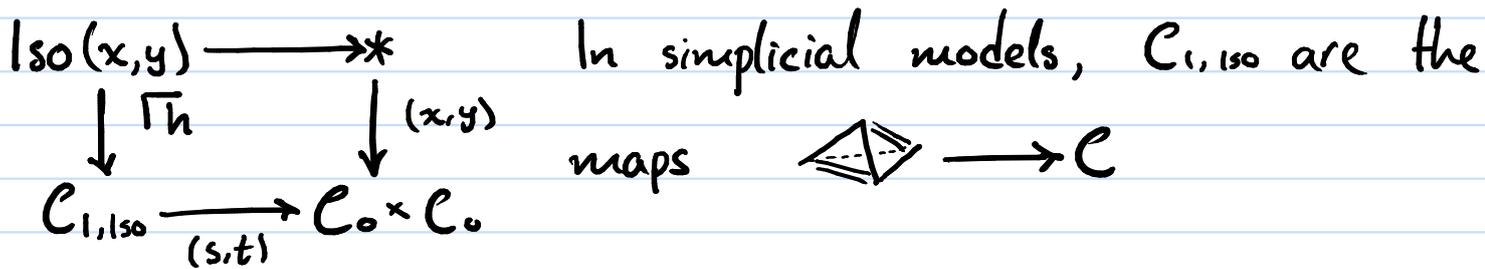


So  $\text{Id}(x, y) \xrightarrow{\Gamma} *$  defines the space of paths from  $x$  to  $y$  in  $X$ .

$\text{maps}([0, 1], X) \xrightarrow{(s, t)} X \times X$

For  $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Cat}_{(\infty, \infty)}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_0 \in \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 0)} = \text{spaces}$ , then putting  $\mathcal{C}_0$  in place of  $X$  gives the space of identifications from  $x$  to  $y$ .

Can similarly define the space of isomorphisms  $x$  to  $y$  via



In general,  $\text{Id}(x, y) \hookrightarrow \text{Iso}(x, y)$  b/c there's a map of diagrams

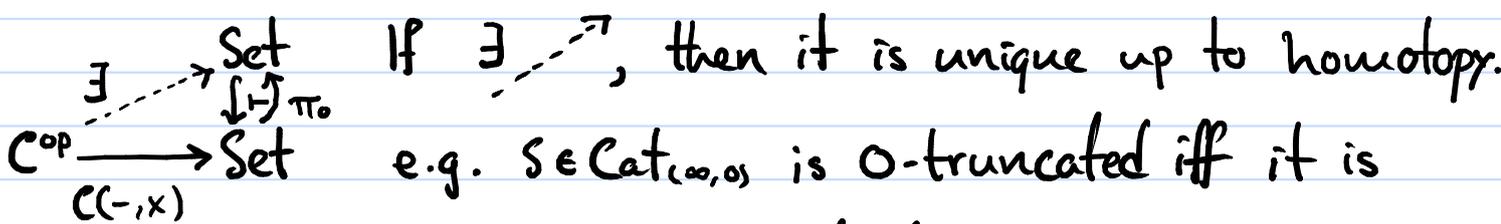


an iso (in spaces, so a weak homotopy equiv)  $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{C}_0$ .

**Theo's puzzles**

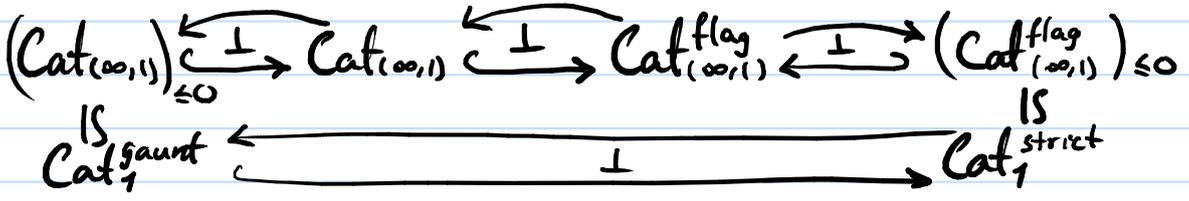
-  $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ .  $\text{Set} = \text{Spaces}_{\leq 0}$  so  $\text{Set} \hookrightarrow \text{Spaces}$  is f.f.

$X \in \mathcal{C}$  is called 0-truncated if  $\hookrightarrow$  quasi-cat's



homotopy equivalent to a set.

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is presentable,  $\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0} \xrightarrow{\perp} \mathcal{C}$ . In particular,



$\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\text{flag}} = \text{functors } \mathbb{A} \longrightarrow \text{Spaces w/ Segal axiom}$

$\downarrow (-)$   
 $\uparrow$

$\text{Cat}_{\infty} = \text{functors } \mathbb{A} \longrightarrow \text{Spaces w/ Segal \& Rezk axioms.}$

Questions:

1. Who is  $(\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\text{flag}})_{\leq 0}$ ? Is it  $\text{Cat}_{\infty}^{\text{strict}}$ ?

2. Is  $???$  ESO?